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1841

December 21.

Sorell told me that he was trying to find a situation for his eldest Daughter ~~as~~ a Governess. She wanted a Hundred a year! He had just received a letter from Mrs. Walker of Rhodes. She wants a Governess for her daughter. The lady must be able to teach the English French and Italian Languages - Music including singing and Dancing, must in other respects be highly accomplished, must be of a sweet temper, capable of enduring seclusion and confinement cheerfully, have been accustomed to tuition and above all be extremely fond of children. For these few and trifling qualifications she is to have thirty pounds a year and her board. The letter continued more or less till 8 o'clock in the evening. Reading the Arabian Nights to Henry.

22

Accepted Montagu's invitation for Friday at 7. Cold and icy.

Shrewsbury

Ther. 60° B. 28.9



Dr. Fumhull had just informed me that Mr. Lord has consented to our remaining here till February, when we must go to our new offices - At the Auction Company's Rooms - purchased some Eau de Cologne at 30/ a dozen under the impression that the lot of 10 boxes was for that money.

Extract from Dickens' *Barnaby Rudge* 23  
'He was past the prime of life, but Father a Gale of Wind. Time is not always a hard parent, and though he takes for none of his children, often lays his hand lightly upon those who have used him well; making them old men and women miserably enough, but leaving their hearts and spirits young and in full vigour. With such people the grey head is but the impression of the old fellow's hand in giving them his blessing, and every wrinkle but a notch in the quiet calendar of a well-spent life.' Evans let me B-35

£30 repayment of loan the other day and £8 a set off against his <sup>former</sup> balance in my

favor. As I walked up Elizabeth St. after office I saw a crowd of people at the corner of Buckingham house and upon enquiry found that Mr. Lacey's premises had been just destroyed by fire. After dinner walked down to the Bridge through Mr. Rodson's garden with Henry. His fruit trees had suffered by the Gale of Wind that had been blowing all through the day. Many of them were utterly destroyed. Taken Mr. Laidley and Denton were trying to kill a wife - They shot a couple among them.

24 Taken sent a couple half of wine to tolerably fine Mr. Montagu with a rose. Dinner at Montagu's met Mr. Lockman at ex. Thorne who with the Porters Montagus and myself made up a party of eight.

25 While Mary and the eldest girl were at Church Cloudy & sunny the boy Elizabeth and myself strolled out alternately. Mr. Lord's servants, for an hour or two with Old Spalls the three elder boys dined with us.



1841

Strolled out with Elizabeth round the  
Bathing house and shore. Afternoon at  
St. David's. Davies of Norfolk Plains preached <sup>at</sup> yesterday  
from Isaiah 38. v. 18 & 2. George dined with  
us. Walked out with Henry & Elizabeth for 27. Cloudy  
an hour after dinner. but it was cold. <sup>and</sup> Cool.  
Sea Breeze came in with great strength. 28 Fine day  
A Prison <sup>Ship</sup> arrived in the night with females  
from Ireland. the middle of August.  
Heard of the arrival of the Concord with 29. Beautiful  
young of tea. this may be considered <sup>day</sup>  
quite a good land. as the price of tea  
has been enormous beyond all example  
for some months past. Dined with  
Sir John Piddar. our party consisted  
of Amisworth, Kay, Ed. Bedford  
& myself. besides Sir & Lady. The  
Attorney General and Major Mainwaring  
were invited but the former was prevented  
by the necessity of looking over a pile of papers  
sent to him by the H. Gov. and the latter  
by the illness of Mrs. J. - We sat there  
gossiping till near 12 o'clock.

Dec.

30

Looking like rain all day and parti-  
cularly towards evening. but it came  
not. After dinner walked out with  
Henry for an hour. it rained during a  
part of the walk. but not sufficiently to  
lay the dust.

Jan.

31

Sea breeze.

After dinner walked by myself down  
to the end of the new Sandy Bay Road  
got back by 6 o'clock.

1842

Jan. 1

Fine day

Sea breeze.

Left a Cart for the Lieut. Governor &  
another for Lady Franklin. Arrived  
at Capt. Porsers for Melanor and  
a fourth at Secheron for Sir John and  
Lady Piddar. George and Edward dined  
with us. After dinner George walked  
out to Fletcher's with me where we sat  
an hour or two and returned. he  
the mean time a person called bringing  
a parcel and letter from Winifred. The  
man did not mention his name nor  
did Winifred. He said he would look  
in some other time. <sup>I saw the state of my</sup>  
<sup>family for the time.</sup>

Not Wind 2

The wind suddenly changed between



1842

January

3 and 4 o'clock from a burning fire to a cool sea breeze. Walked out for half an hour before dinner. Read the prayers and lessons of the day.

Received my salary and then sent £60 to the Commercial Bank. but the house was shut. Evening cool. Walked out with Henry and Mary down to the sandy afternoon Bay Road. to look at the people's horses and rain in returning from the races.

Sent the cash to the Comm. Bank. Evening it came on to rain prevented my walk.

Mr. Dobson. told me that Crombie was Mr. Scott's attorney under the Marriage Settlement.

Mr. Scott called to say that the house at 6. Roseway was vacant and at my service. I promised to look at it again this day and I have brought Henry down with me as a companion in my walk. We went out as proposed. Called & took a glass of wine at Lewis's

3 A fine hot morning. Evening cool. Walked out with Henry and Mary down to the sandy afternoon Bay Road. to look at the people's horses and rain in returning from the races.

4 Calm and cloudy. Mt. Rain. Evening

5. Showery

Beautiful day.

and then proceeded to the house accompanied by Ewing & two other persons Wignmore and Freeman. The place is very much out of repair and will probably require 40 or 50 £ to make it even habitable. We returned to dine between 6 and 7 o'clock. At 10 o'clock had an interview with Sir John about the Commisariat and Ordnance Dept. They take different views of a question of travelling expenses. I recommended Sir John to see the matter with Mackenzie as he quotes the Treasury Instructions for his authority. While at Roseway Lady Franklin stopped there on her way up to her new garden. I went out and spoke to her. She was ill and ought as I think to have been at home. but she said she had <sup>an</sup> appt. and must keep it.

Very fine weather / Walked up the street with Scotland. he promised to call and look at the



house occupied, tomorrow as if I. Sea breeze  
go to Norway he might take it off my  
hands. Walked out for 3/4 of an hour after  
dinner.

Finner called and sat half an hour with I  
no other tidings of his apt. than what Summer  
came by the way of Port Philip. Sent weather  
my mss. to Watson for 35. 2. 7 Sea breeze.  
Tue 3. April. Walked up to his lodgings  
with Stickland. Saw his thing of a  
wife. Her father was a tall gaunt figure  
ill made and with a particularly dis-  
agreeable repulsive countenance &  
I always understood that he was quite  
as disagreeable as he looked. His  
daughter is strikingly like him.

A very disagreeable day cold and  
showery Wind from the Southward  
Before dinner walked down on the  
Candy Bay Road for a mile or two  
A fine cool sunny morning. Saw  
I saw an order in favor of Mr. Deering for  
for the dividend upon the shares in

Sir John Franklin  
called to inform me  
visit of the S. Hudson

1842  
January.

The Director and Tamar Apurame  
Comp. accepted two bills for him  
one of 100 £ and another of £ 50. He  
agreed to take up and clear off  
the Acct. of mine for £ 75 due the  
12<sup>th</sup>. Walked up to Park's and looked  
at the works in house particularly  
a view of the Observatory painting  
for Lady Franklin. The figures of  
Capt. Ross. George & Sir John Frank.  
his also that of Mr. Rye to be interred.  
It will be a garden. Saw Fletcher  
£ 20 towards my Acct. for £ 37 due  
tomorrow.

Cool 4 11 Sent Fletcher £ 17 and in acknowledg-  
ment he returned my Acct. for £ 37.  
Sunny. Bought Davis' "Chimney" of Tegg. Called upon  
the Attorney General and gave Davis a  
Character. Then called upon Mr. Scott  
and consulted with him about Norway  
I proposed to take out a Tradesman &  
get an Estimate of the fittings up or  
rather the repairs and the expense and

9 Cold and  
squally  
10 Sunny



to this proposal she acquiesced. She  
would allow me to deduct the amount  
from the Rent &c.

At home the whole day and lying on 12  
he had the greatest part of the time  
ill with violent nausea at the stomach  
and the bowels equally affected. It  
was a severe attack of bile caused  
principally by some acidulated  
drinks the ~~dearest~~ evening before. Comp.  
Citric Acid, Sugar and Water.

At home all day but much relieved 13  
by the copious evacuations of the  
preceding day. very weak I sent  
called and brought me my Receipt  
for £75 which he had taken up.  
walked out in the evening for half  
an hour. A ship arrived with Male  
Prisoners from England the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

Recd. a set of queries upon the Accounts 14.  
of 1838. Reading "My Cousin Nicholas"  
Took a stroll after dinner with Eliza  
Some wind and rain in the night 15 Showery

called upon the private Secretary and  
left copies of the Estimates for 1835 and  
1840 with him to complete his set.  
Sir John walked in while I was there  
and talked a few minutes with me  
about Gregory's half salary to the period  
of Gibson's appt. Boyd's half pay as  
Capt. of the Staff Corps &c. At the An-  
nouncement of the Office for an hour  
finishing the examination of some  
samples for this side of the Island &  
then walked over the Office intended  
for me at the new Building. Specimen  
like <sup>himself and all his</sup> Colonel Arthur's citations &  
connections the Col<sup>l</sup> Secretary and  
Ch. Police Magistrate in fitting up  
their Office as well as in all other  
matters have taken particularly  
good care of themselves. Dined  
with Col<sup>l</sup> Bedford who read over to  
me all that had passed between the  
Pri. Secretary & Montagu and  
between Sir John & the latter respecting



the points at issue between them.  
The great question, which like Moore  
Superior had swallowed up all the  
little ones, is this "Has Montague  
continued his former objection to  
Thos. Macdonnell since the appearance  
of those Articles in the T. D. L. Chronicle  
<sup>referring</sup> ~~referring~~ so strongly and libellously  
upon His Excellency's conduct and  
government." This question Mr. Coades,  
first with some degree of civility  
secondly with less and lastly  
till, I am sure that he is an imper-  
tinent fellow. - But, a memoran-  
dum from the Lt. Govt. himself  
sent on Saturday <sup>Friday</sup> must  
show some more explicit answer  
from Montague and the style in  
which that answer is communicated  
as well, the ground upon which  
Mr. Coades has staked must I think  
prove decisive one way or the other.  
At 1/2 walked out to Newmarket 16. Windy with

Slight shower and took an early dinner with  
Fletcher. Retd. by 9/2.  
Windy 17 Fraser called. It seems the Ch. Just.  
has formed some objection to the  
releasing of F. from the performance  
of the Sheriff's duties till the end  
of the year. <sup>by the all 4 Just and 5 Just</sup> It was proposed that  
he should absent himself from  
the Colony and during his absence  
another party ~~should~~ be sworn in  
to the temporary discharge of the  
duty but Sir John Peden is of o-  
pinion that this will not do and  
consequently that F. must con-  
tinue in his present office. I  
recommended F. at all events to  
write immediately to Sir John  
Franklin and say that having  
been apprised by a communication  
made to him with his Excy. knowledge  
by the All 7 Just that Sir  
Peden's Remant for his App. is  
in the Colony. he begs to acquaint



Sir John that he is ready and  
desirous <sup>to</sup> ~~of~~ being sworn in and to  
take upon himself the duties  
of the Office, as soon as ~~possible~~ it  
~~possible~~ may be to his Excellency's  
pleasure that he should do so.  
I promised to do so, but he is so  
weak a creature, that he cannot  
tell whether the advice, he receives  
after asking for it, is of any value  
and consequently whether he ought  
to follow it or not. I shall trouble  
my head no further about him  
and his affairs.

At 11 left my Office for Cockeyway where 18  
I had made an appt. with Mr. Barnette  
who was to look over the house and see  
what repairs were required by way of  
making an Estimate of the expense.  
I waited till 1 but the Painter & Plasterer  
did not appear. It seems that he  
came while I was at the Parsonage  
calling a mutton chop with Ewing &  
his wife.

(The Incumbent and his Eccubramme)  
I found Mr. Quaker Flower hard at  
work setting up a fence upon what I  
considered very suspicious ground  
and upon a slight examination I  
found my view was correct. as the  
holes where the old fence ran along  
were visible enough as soon as I had  
removed the stones which the honest  
Quaker had covered them with. It  
is a pleasant prospect to have a  
neighbour of such approved honesty  
and one too of the Society of Friends.  
I got back to dine.

19 I called upon Mr. Scott and acquainted  
her with the pleasure I anticipated  
in having such an <sup>ally</sup> ~~neighbour~~ as her  
friend Mr. Abraham Flower who  
was not only detested in removing  
his neighbour's land marks but  
avowed the intention of carrying  
his fencing perpetuity through  
my garden thereby cutting me off

Some rain  
in the evening  
before -  
Fine warm  
Sunny day.



from the stream that ran at the bottom and appropriating to his own peculiar use the only portion of the ground that could be made ornamental as well as useful. His mathematical love of the straight line was so strong that he was induced to abandon the appropriation of the garden as before mentioned, solely out of regard to his Landlady's interests as he did not wish to deprive her of a good tenant by refusing <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>upon this occasion</sup> sacrifice of his ~~own~~ interest ~~some~~ of geometry. Power called and sat an hour with me the scheme in the Government and our speculations as to what Sir John would do next, occupied the time. From Ewing heard that Montagu appeared all of a spirit. Sir John has a fine game in his hand if he knew how to play his cards but notwithstanding the abetting &

encouragement received from Lady F. Russell, and young Bedford I suspect he will forego all his advantages and make an inglorious peace with the offended power by admitting he was wrong and soliciting oblivion for the past. I have taken no part in the business and do not intend to take any. If inclined to mix in the intrigues of a Government house Sir John, with many good qualities is about the last to trust oneself with. You could not calculate upon his conscience for a week together unless he could be kept in a constant state of excitement, and who the devil would ~~be able to~~ <sup>or</sup> ~~rescue~~ <sup>rescue</sup> to rescue his government from the contempt ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~it will destroy and~~ <sup>it will destroy and</sup> ~~which at this time~~ <sup>which at this time</sup> ~~what~~ <sup>what</sup> ~~is just falling~~ <sup>is just falling</sup>. I propose to walk out with Eliza today and speak to some trusted man

+ take the trouble to find alignment for his bad passions

Beautiful 20.  
Weather



nearer to Roseway than Kobartore  
about the repairs to the house. I dined  
so, and dined with Fletcher but  
could not see the man of all work.  
Sage and Mr. Fred. Symonds were  
of the dinner party.

About 4 in the afternoon I received a 21  
note from Anselme enquiring if he  
could have half an hour's conversation  
with me. He did so. I walked  
over and he then deliberately made  
me acquainted with the position of  
the Rev. Geo. Montagu and  
asked my opinion of what had best  
be done Sir John finding it impractic-  
able to go on under the disadvantage  
of receiving no assistance from his  
Colonial Secretary. He offered me all  
the papers bearing reference to the  
misunderstanding and I promised  
to look them over ~~more~~ ~~detaken~~ with  
more care than I had done before and  
let him know my opinion of the affair

The next morning - We had a long  
conversation which it is hardly  
useful to make a note of but I must  
not forget that I told him several  
times that the impression upon my  
mind was at that time that Mr.  
M. had not committed himself  
to such an extent as to justify  
Sir John in suspending him from  
Office - Anselme's chief object with  
me was to ascertain if in the event  
of Montagu's suspension becoming  
inevitable, whether I would  
accept the Office or, in Anselme's  
words, whether I would allow  
Sir John to avail himself of my  
services as Mr. Montagu's Successor.  
Anselme sent the papers up to my  
house in the course of the evening and  
I looked them over.

22 The "Earbinger" from England about  
the 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. with Merchandise came  
in. Saw Anselme and as the chief



and to the most important matter  
to collect is told in a few <sup>seconds</sup> ~~minutes~~. I  
repeated what I had said the way  
before with little alterations in the  
words. viz. That from the circum-  
stances of my having been in ignorance  
of what had been passing between  
Sir John and the Col. Scruby until  
within a few days I had the advantage  
of being able to give a cool and  
dispassionate opinion upon the  
subject and could look upon it  
quite as an abstract question. That  
I continued to think ~~as~~ <sup>as</sup> the  
evening before that upon what had  
then passed I could not advise  
Sir John to adopt an extreme course  
with Montagu and thought in  
no situation; would it have been in  
my power conscientiously to have  
advised differently. With respect to  
the future if Sir John could not go  
on with his government <sup>of this his last</sup> and was  
necessarily the best if not the only judge and

compelled to suspend Montagu  
I was ready to make myself useful  
in any way that my Public Service  
could be required - and I suggested  
whether with my assistance and  
what he could command from  
abler officers than myself <sup>Sir John</sup> ~~and~~  
he could not make shift to assist  
extensively with Montagu. I repeat-  
ed all this & the substance of it  
several times in order that Aus-  
lowe might not forget it. I saw  
Sir John immediately afterwards  
but not a word passed between  
us upon the subject of my conver-  
sation with Auslowe. At three  
o'clock walked out to Roseway  
with Mr. Buckland. The train ap-  
pointed to meet me there for the  
purpose of estimating the expense  
of repairs had gone away an hour  
before - It was a beautiful day  
and we had a splendid walk  
home over the Fells -



1842

At St. George's in the morning with  
Mary, Henry and his sister leaving  
Elizabeth and the Baby to their fate.

23.

Very late.

I called upon Sir John about 4 o'clock.

24

P.M. at Sir E. request when for the first  
time he opened the subject of Montagu's  
suspension and my succeeding as  
Colonial Secretary. He had sent  
Denlow down to speak to Maulean  
about Cass's performing my duty, but  
at that time Sir E. did not know the  
result of their interview. Sir John went  
at great length into an account of his  
treatment ever since his accession to the  
Government and the way he had  
treated others during the same period.

One thing is quite clear. He has relied  
too much upon the zeal & fidelity of  
Mr. and J. and now finds out that he  
has been altogether mistaken in them.

Saw Sir John between 10 and 11 o'clock.

25

low had been successful in his  
negotiation with Maulean and

every facility would be given to  
the arrangement proposed for Cass &  
as Sir E. had notified to Montagu  
that his services would be dispensed  
with. He had great pleasure in making  
me an offer of the Office - adding all  
sorts of sweet things about - excellent  
future - high character, personal  
regard &c. &c. When I left my Office  
at 4 the news had spread like  
wild fire. - Ferguson & Bennett said  
that all the Settlers would rejoice at  
Montagu's dismissal and would  
consider that Sir John by this step  
was step had completely redeemed  
his character.

26

Denlow came over and showed me  
Montagu's answer in which he says  
that he hopes to be ready to give over  
his duties on the 1<sup>st</sup> of next month -  
if Sir Excellency should direct him  
to do so. or words to that effect.

Mr. Redford, Sir. Messrs. Kim & Gordon  
Carr and one or two more (small ones)



up my day. I saw Flitton in the morning. At Evans' for an hour or two in the evening.

I came at 5 1/2 at the office by 10. A note from Mrs. Lowe the 27th. wished to see me in the course of the day at my own convenience. Put off dining with Champ and walking to Koro-way. Saw that J. and sat an hour with him.

Champ called and proposed our walking out to Koro-way to which I assented. Heard of the arrival. She came in last evening. Mr. Stoner the new Crown Solicitor had come out in her. She sailed some days before the Starbinger. No letters. Dined with Champ. Walked out to Koro-way after dinner. Saw the Workman who promised to make an estimate of the expense of repairs. Ret'd by 9.

Called at Gov. House told Mrs. Lowe to send up to my house for me if

Burning Rain was much

27 Little came through the night but it came on Monday about 10 A.M.

28 Dying  
Mr. Boyes is a spld. Col. I saw him. I am sure it was not however intended that he should say it. If we report the charge as a general at all events that a gentleman has obtained the office of known enemy of the nation and amiable disposition. V.B. 28 Jan. 28 Jan.

29.

30  
Fair weather

Feb 4

I was wanted. At home in the afternoon. Took a hot bath.

At St. George's in the morning. Afternoon walked with George a mile beyond Mr. Proctor's place till by 6. in the evening the sea breeze brought up a little rain with it.

31  
Up at a little after six. Signed warrants and sent them down before breakfast. About 4 o'clock Perry the Crown Solicitor called and enquired my name and the designation of my office. He was instructed to prepare Commissioners for Cases and myself to be ready that evening. It being proposed that I should be sworn in the next day.

1  
The St. Gov. sent for me about 10 A.M. He had received an apologetic communication from Montagu which he desired me to read. As far as it related to the offensive explanation offered by Montagu, it was full and satisfactory enough. But no allusion



was made caught in one part, and that casually, to the whole of Montagu's discreditable proceedings, in the case of Dr. Condale and which proceedings, though not so tangible as other parts of his conduct, were deeply felt by Sir John. Montagu's conduct on that occasion opened Sir John's eyes and gave him a tolerably full insight into the character of the man he had been putting and relying upon all through his administration. He saw that he had been investing him with power, in the belief that it would be exercised only for the benefit and strengthening of his Administration, and that it was now turned against himself. My swearing in was upon my own recommendation postponed and perhaps time die - I told Sir John two or three times over that if a perfect reconciliation could be effected I would rather see the

Colonial Secretaryship in the hands of Montagu than in my own - I thought Montagu was in a better temper ~~and~~ judging by the tone of his last communication and that he might be induced to express his regret for the whole course of his conduct since the capture command I am in a particularly delicate situation, and Sir John should abstain from putting questions to me regarding the expediency of Mr. Suspension. Seeing that in a worldly point of view I am to be benefitted by the measure. But no one except the private Secretary can feel secure in giving Sir John advice - One can have no ~~less~~ confidence in the apparent openness of heart and generosity of disposition evinced by him to those upon whom he is desirous of making a good impression. He might tell several of his acquaintances all that has passed



between you and thus give some  
publicity to ~~the~~ opinions ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~him~~ under  
a belief that they were strictly confi-  
dential, and therefore unreserved.  
May he might at a future time have  
an interview with Mr. himself and  
then in another fit of Spurious ~~op-~~  
~~ness~~ openheartedness make atone-  
ment to him by divulging the names  
of the advisers and names of the advisers  
upon which he had acted. Not worse  
than all. He might, and this is by  
no means unlikely, feel regret and  
compunction for the step he had  
taken and in a fit of repentance  
~~letting you~~ excommunication throw  
the whole blame upon your shoulders,  
leaving you among other more  
substantial marks of disfavor,  
to chew the cud of bitter reproach  
that you had ever been induced  
<sup>led to</sup> to the ~~lame~~ <sup>lame</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~history~~ <sup>history</sup> of so  
weak and uncertain a creature

February

How lead some details  
in party of P. O. R. Montague  
and S. John.

I sent a renewal of my promissory  
note to Deane for £500. and paid  
my acceptance for £55 at the Colo-  
nial Bank. Before breakfast. Tuesday

2 A fine sunny morning. Mr. Deane  
rising. Mr. Deane and Co.

I was sworn into Office. As a Mem-  
ber of the Executive Council and my  
Commission was presented to me  
by the Lieutenant Governor on this  
day. Present in Council. The Lt. Gov.  
Lt. Col. Elliott. Treasurer, Ch. P. M.  
After being sworn in I repaired to  
the Col. Secy's Office. Saw Montague  
He asked for my authority to take  
charge of the Office and having  
presented my Commission. He  
read it over, having previously  
asked permission before Mitchell  
and soon after shook hands bow  
and took his leave.

3 Went to the Office and sat down to  
work. Saw S. John once or twice



in the course of the day.

At the Office getting initiated as 4  
fast as possible. before breakfast  
washing for half an hour.

Washed with Gummy before breakfast 5  
through the New Ket round the  
new basin and over the hill by  
Nelson home. In the afternoon  
I had an attack of Lumbago.

At home all day. The Lumbago 6. Very hot  
very troublesome. Wrote to the R.S. Sulby.  
about my services for the dispatch  
for England. In the evening a great  
deal of Thunder Lightning but  
very little rain.

Ran up every morning between 7 Very clear  
5 and 6. Wrote to Mr. Scott about Sulby  
Rowing declining the house and  
offering to pay for the expense of Ript  
to G. C. C.

Saw Taylor sent him up to Mr. Scott 8  
to know if she was willing to have the  
expans of Rowing taken in hand. She

I gave 20<sup>0</sup> on  
14 Feb.

Liveray, 9  
Montagu  
embarked.

10  
Rain

Rain

13  
Showery all  
day

Returned for answer that the Person  
who would take the place was ready  
to repair it himself. I promised the  
man Remuneration for his trouble and  
sent him away. He said I would  
pay him

Afternoon wrote a long letter to Liveray  
to go by the Calcutta. Montagu embarked  
in the evening.

The Calcutta sailed. She was underway  
at 4. Several other ships were getting  
off at the same time.

11 Raining it came on to rain and continued  
more or less through the evening.

12 The morning was fair but the rain  
came on about noon and continued  
with little intermission through the  
afternoon and evening.

13 Walked out with the intention of going  
to Church. but finding that left my  
keys behind me, returned and did not  
go out again through the day. Reading  
Prayer Papers. Lewis met with an  
accident while bathing I sent Bedford  
to him.



Saw the Governor and sat half an hour with him. He told me that the Ex. Co. was fixed for Wednesday.

Dined at Gov. House. Met a strange party and several strangers. Mr. & Mrs. Macpherson on. Mr. & Mrs. Crowther Mr. & Mrs. Madden. Sumner, Surgeon & Offr. of Detroit last arrival. I had a good deal of conversation with Lady F. from some of which I can infer the selfish littleness of Montague's heart. Particularly when offended with her for continuing her favor to Capt. Macnouchie. ~~She~~ At which time he said, with tears in his eyes and in a paroxysm of anger, that he knew they wanted to put him out of his situation and appoint Macnouchie in his place. Lt. F. from some cause or other Sir George Arthur particularly cautioned him against treating Sir John P. with the slightest disrespect. I suppose enough. - Mr. Macpherson died.

At the Ex. Council the whole day at least till five o'clock in the afternoon

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Lady F.  
Montague  
Macnouchie  
Sir John P.

lunched with Sir John.

17 At the Council again from 11 till near five. Mr. Macpherson leaved.

18 Fine very morning between 5 & 6. I was up this morning at 5.20 and walked before breakfast round by the Comm. Store, the Wharf Master and so home. Took another walk before I went to the Office.

19 Dull cold Morning. Afternoon the Torsois came in with 400 Male prisoners from England 26 October. Dined with Evans.

20 At St. George's in the Morning After. walked out to Newtown and dined with Fletcher returned by 8 1/4.

21 Saw the Lt. Gov. in the Morning. went on board the Torsois with Pritchell. Afternoon again at Gov. House with Palmer talking over the Distillery cases. Turnbull and Mr. Goss.

22 At Ex. Council 10 till 5.

23 - do - do - 11 .. 4.45.



With the Lt. Gov. at 10. Looking over 24 Feb.  
the dispatches sent by the Baropa and King's  
Sovereign assisted him in giving the  
necessary instructions. Evening walked  
with Henry for an hour or two upon  
and about the sea shore.

Fine morning after a slight shower. 25  
Dined at Gov. House met Major & Mrs. Cum-  
berland, Capt & Miss Griffiths, Dr. & Mrs. Bond,  
Geyron, Wife & daughter, Capt. Sullivan  
& his Lieutenant, Lieut. Kaye, Major and Mrs.  
Mainwaring, Amulson & his wife, Sir John  
Lady Franklin, Tom Crockett, Miss Williams  
J. Brownrigg - & two officers of the 96<sup>th</sup> the  
Sheriff.

Michael told me that Fortlong would let 26.  
his House Garden and 18 acres of ground  
for £200 a year. I called sometime at Mr. Michael's  
at St. George's in the morning. Afternoon 27  
walked with Fraser over the hills beyond  
Murray's place and have thought Louis  
Sound.

The Lt. Gov. requested my opinion upon 28

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Stormy day.  
March 1  
Set weather

4 At the Ex. Council till 5:30  
5:30 - 10 - 5  
Announced Michael's resignation  
officially to the Lt. Gov. & promised  
him to do so in the future. When  
the Gov. immediately ordered to

upon the modifications proposed by Capt  
Swanton in the plan for supplying  
Soberton with water.

Recd a paper from the Distillation  
Board. & having the document which  
had been long ago shown, of the Am.  
of Compensation including interest  
& yesterday. due to the Distiller-  
Before I went to bed. I wrote out an  
order for the Auditor to prepare  
warrants in favor of Turnbull and  
Mr. Joun.

Wind blowing fresh from the North.  
the Mercury is falling in the Barometer  
and I think we shall have rain.

Recd my salary and sent it to the  
Commercial Bank out from Ireland.

At the Office from 1 till 1 walked out  
to Newtown. dined with Fletcher  
and then looked first at Fortlong's  
House and Grounds and then at Mr.  
Bell's. Swanton walked with us to  
the latter place.

Yesterday asked Fletcher for  
the advice of the Lt. Gov. to have  
his East with his services in  
the magistracy.



Went off to the Richard Webb Convict  
Ship from Ireland with about 200  
male prisoners. They appeared to be  
very much crowded. With the Lt. Gov.  
afterwards.

In the afternoon while I was with  
the Lieutenant Governor, Mitchell took  
his departure. He was to sail that  
evening in the Lifford for Port Philip.  
In the morning went with the Lt. Gov. &  
to inspect the Convicts landed from  
the Richard Webb. At three at Council.  
to give him an opportunity of  
reading over his minutes. The Govt.  
House Question ~~was then~~ had been  
considered the week before and we  
discussed the water works and  
decided upon the answer to be given  
to Capt. Swainston.

Rec<sup>d</sup> a subpoena to attend as a witness 11  
at Rps' trial. I was at the Court till  
2 o'clock when speaking to Mr. D  
upon this subject he said he should

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March

The result of Rps' trial is another  
case in confirmation of the conclusion  
my experience has forced me to come to  
viz. that the law after all is too  
more than out of the honest men in dangerous  
meshes and since the 12 Guilty from the  
penitentiary due to their crimes -

Council  
and  
Att. Gen.

not call me and so I retired I was  
with the Governor afterwards. He  
was going to Petey Shallow for a day.  
Rps was acquitted.

Lt. Gov. £10 for a week. His bill  
for £46 came due of which I assured  
him. Saw Blackburn in presence  
of the ~~Govt~~ Private Secretary. Spoke to  
him about the commencement of  
new Gov. House. For the foundation  
he will require about 20 Labourers  
and 15 Quarry men. In the course  
of the day. Saw the Immigration  
Agent. Palmer. Lament and the  
Crown Solicitor ~~also~~ <sup>the latter</sup> came to perpe-  
trated against the Attorney Gen.  
I desired him to write every thing  
he had been saying to me and  
as in duty bound I should put in  
written statement before the Lt. Gov.  
Mr. Allmatt called as he was desired  
to do by the Lieutenant Governor.  
Mr. East knows just as well as I do  
that there is no vacancy I cannot



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Mr. Albutt into and if one was to  
 occur in my office. His father has al-  
 ready promised it to a Mr. Lester a  
 protégé of his own or Lady Franklin's.  
 A fine fresh morning. Wind from the  
 westward but all symptoms of rain  
 are gone off. Went out with an inten- 13  
 tion of going to Church but having  
 refreshed myself with draught of  
 Scidilly before breakfast I thought  
 it prudent not to go. I returned  
 home and wrote up this diary -  
 Read prayers and Lessons after morning  
 service. At St. David's in the afternoon  
 Evening read a sermon of Blair's "On  
 the proper estimate of human life".  
 Vanity oftentimes, said the preacher; all  
 is vanity. Ecclesiastes 12. 8. "Many  
 of the evils which occasion our complaints  
 of the world are wholly imaginary." "It is  
 among the higher ranks of mankind  
 that they chiefly abound; where fantastic  
 refinements, sickly delicacy, and eager

Druid at 14  
 Gov. H.

16  
 Museum.

Council. 17  
 Forlong, Ross.  
 Newtown.

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emulation, often attended and sources  
 of recreation peculiar to themselves."  
 Society dinner at Gov. House. Evening  
 Rays. Bradbury. Tell & Bedford.  
 Fletcher lent me his name at 3 P.M.  
 and I wrote out to join the party who  
 were assembling to see the first stone  
 laid of the Museum. The party consist-  
 ed of Sir John and Lady Franklin  
 Miss Franklin. Mr. & Mrs. Ewing. Bedfords.  
 Jumbrells, Tell and his boys, Pagot, Seacoff,  
 &c. &c. we got home about 8 o'clock.  
 Walked out to Newtown and looked  
 over Forlong's house and garden -  
 dined with Fletcher. Walked home  
 Cherry came down about 4 and we  
 walked out to the Gov. Garden together.  
 He enjoyed himself exceedingly.  
 Went out with the intention of going  
 to Church but it was too late. Set  
 and read the prayers & Lessons of the day.  
 I did not go out afterwards. Some of Blair's  
 sermons.  
 At an Ea. Council at 3 and did



not leave the Gov<sup>t</sup> till 6 1/2 although March 1842  
the Council was over a little after  
four. I sat talking to Sir John and  
submitting papers to him for the  
rest of the time. Among Sol<sup>r</sup> & Mr. Lunt  
Chief Justice. Mansdownells, Murray,  
Gregory, Maconochie &c. among the  
subjects of conversation.

Walked up to the Stone Quarry above 22  
Kidd's on's before breakfast with.

Benny. At the office all day I did  
not see Sir John's face. Evening 10  
a note from Cairns worth asking me  
to meet Sir John and Lady Franklin  
at dinner tomorrow at his house.  
I accepted his invitation and  
sent George down with the horse  
at 10 P.M. Went to Trolong about  
his house. Told him I could not  
afford £200 a year.

Dined at Cairns worth's with Sir John 23  
and Lady Franklin, Bagot, Kinslow  
Rage, Burney of the St. Lawrence, and

Cairns. A very pleasant evening.  
24 The Children at Mr. Poynter's ~~house~~  
Good Fr. 25 In the afternoon George and I walked  
from yesterday out to Newtown and looked at Mr.  
Sir John left Bell's house & garden. At home to  
for his Evening dine at S. Clark. Sir John & Family  
to the West. commenced their long projected  
journey yesterday by going as far  
as New Bedford. Saw Mr. Long he  
had just arrived from Port Phillip  
via "Launceston". He looks old and  
is grown very fat. Gilbert Robinson  
will be exactly like him some day  
or other. At the office for an hour  
or two.

26. Long dined with me. I was dread-  
fully tired of him in an hour after  
dinner. He is a horrid vulgar fellow  
and had profited no more by his  
interview with the world than if  
he had only just come into it. Mr.  
Flaming called upon me. He is the new  
Commissioner of the Insolvent Court.



March 1847

In the evening I received a note from Sir John dated New Bedford 26<sup>th</sup>. He makes sad complaints of the Herald Station there and has sent down long measurements for me to act upon.

At 6<sup>th</sup> David's in the morning. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Ball up for a ship. thought to be a Whale. Dined early - evening walked down to the Battery. They knew nothing of the ship and only judged she was not a pen in ship by her movements. as she was standing off and on instead of running up before a fine seabreeze. Sent off a courier with Despatches for 28<sup>th</sup> Sir John. When at large at Port Arthur - Despatched another Courier. The Run: 29 away. I had not been taken Swanston called upon me about Mr. 30 Bell's house and afterwards drove me out to New Town. At the Races - dined with Fisher - Gage and two of his daughters of the party.

April 1 Rec<sup>d</sup> a note from Swanston saying he thought my offer of £120 a year too small but he would write by the evening post to Mr. Bell. Sent off a Bag of Warrants letters and papers for Sir John by the post. came down in acquainted him of the capture of about 4000 The Runaways - Rec<sup>d</sup> my salary within hours. which I deposited in the Commercial Bank. Saw Mr. Lang.

2 A beautiful sunny morning I did not go down to the office till noon. "It is not the morning and the orange blossom, that constitute the difference between Virtue and Vice" alluding to the probable consequences of the ill-sorted marriage of Lady Cecilia and Titmouse. "A marriage of this description, so to speak, utter dislocation and destruction to the delicate and beautiful fabric of a woman's character. At first, it deflects the noblest tendencies of her lovely nature; it utterly degrades



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and comforted her; she sunk more  
travably into an inferior being; in-  
stead of her native simplicity & purity,  
me to be seen thenceforth only heartlessness  
and hypocrisy." "Could he Sammon feel  
one emerge into political life, his ex-  
~~cesses~~ <sup>cesses</sup> ~~urgencies~~ <sup>urgencies</sup> would consume him  
speedy destruction." "It was with a  
visibly increased coolness and reserve,  
but still with studious courtesy; and  
beyond that distinct but delicate  
line, none of them Putney family  
in their visits from Sammon, ever ad-  
vanced a hair's breadth." Paid my  
acceptance in favor of Watthorn for his  
bill to the 31 Dec. last £ 35. 2. 7. at 3 1/2  
walked with Power out to New town  
and went over Mrs Bell's house. On our  
way back came round by the New Gov.  
House and observed the progress made  
in the foundation. We took the winding  
Coast, opposite the post office at Power's  
suggestion and came as far as my house

Visited the  
N. G. House

in it. For which the Survey allowed us to pay him a dollar.

3 Read prayers & hymns of the day and  
one of Attabury; Sermons. The train came  
on about 2 or 3 o'clock - at home all  
day.

14. I gave a cheque for the amt. of my acct. showing in favor of Lyones and Greig.

5. Ball up since yesterday for a ship  
but it was pulled down about 4.

The vessel had probably passed the post  
showing a flag up for a ship with male  
prisoners. I intended to have been  
at home to finish the answers to the  
Queries of 1837 but about 11 1/2 hours  
wrote up to say that the mail had  
arrived and there was a bag for the  
St. Govt. lying on my table. I went  
down to the Office immediately and  
on my way was overtaken by Ambrose  
who had procured a London Gazette  
containing a Com. Brevet in consequence  
of the death of a Prince of Wales. I have



no letters and heard no news. Ann  
visited the Prison Ship and found  
everything in excellent order.

The Surgeon of the Prison Ship the  
"John Brewer" called to pay his respects  
as he said.

S. Col. Elliott called to enquire  
what it was proposed to do to in honor  
of the birth of a young prince. He had

the London Gazette extraordinary sub.

lished on the occasion and would  
send it down to me. He did so and  
in a few minutes after we forwarded

a Gov. notice for insertion in the Local  
Gazette. I wrote to Sir John and told  
him what we had been doing.

At noon walked down to the Battery  
to see the ~~new~~ newly mounted guns  
fired. The two children Mary & Henry  
met me there. The salute was very  
crashy well fired. considering the  
guns were worked by infant soldiers.  
Their performance did great

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Bar. 28.7.

Bar. 29.7

Emma Eugenia  
came to visit  
female prisoners  
from England.  
24 Nov.

10. Winter N. G. House

credit to Rainsworth tender whose  
discretion they had been drilled.  
We afterwards visited the pastry cook  
and then walked home.

Showery.  
Bar. 29.3

11. Winter.  
Sights of the children.  
Henry - 4.2  
Mary - 3.10.0  
Elizabeth - 3.4.0

10. Mary and two children went to  
St. Georges' there was a heavy shower  
while they were at Church. In the afternoon  
I was at St. David's and before dinner  
walked out to the new Gov. House.

The <sup>temple for the</sup> foundation was not yet finished.  
They appear to proceed very slowly.

12. No news from Sir John & his party  
I did not write, having nothing to say  
and being in ignorance of H. East's where  
abouts. ~~Travellers~~ Finished "The Doctor"

13. Walked up and looked at St. George's  
Church. having sent out orders for  
continuing the work up to a certain  
height. Saw Mr. Gibson the Agent  
for the V. Diemen's Land Company.

14. At 3 1/2 went off to the "Emma Eugenia"  
to look at the women. The ship was in  
excellent order. The berths were in 80



superior a state of cleanliness that  
 the appearance imparted a feeling of  
 comfort that one could hardly have  
 believed such a habitation capable  
 of. The place was perfectly ventilated  
 & the atmosphere as pure as upon the  
 open deck. The tables, buckets & kettles  
 were as clean as dairy utensils and  
 the tin snags and pennicums looked  
 as bright as silver. I have never seen  
 any thing like it and could not have  
 imagined the possibility of even in  
 the expectation of visitors / of producing  
 with every exertion such an excellent  
 state of things. The *Cumma Cyprian* is  
 quite a pattern ship and her condition  
 reflects the greatest credit upon Dr. Priden  
 the Superintendent. He assured me that  
 all this cost him very little trouble. None  
 indeed after having once established  
 his system & labour which required  
 nothing more than firmness and con-  
 sistency. The Swedish in words, is fortifying.

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Thrusting Rain  
 all the afternoon - a  
 slight shower in the evening.

Born 1786  
 See April 42

Living

joined to a perfect knowledge of  
 what could be effected. Sir J. Padden  
 called to know if his reports would  
 go on to the L<sup>d</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> it was essential  
 they should be forwarded if possible  
 as there was one capital case and the  
 man must be hung.

The following is a faint outline of  
 my life showing merely where I have  
 passed a part of some and the whole  
 of other years.

- 1789 - Sturbridgeport
- 90 Portsmouth?
- 91 & 92 - do.
- 93 & 94 - do. with Mrs. Marshall.
- 95 - do. with Mont<sup>g</sup> Deyoung and
- 96 - do. Deyoung<sup>d</sup> last winter at Newport  
 under the Rev<sup>d</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Fiske
- 97 From March to Sept. Troyford.
- 98 & 99 Part of 1800 at Dr. Burnes's
- 1800. 2<sup>d</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> at Lyceum on Dr. Davidson.
- 1 at the Rev<sup>d</sup> Chas. Bayley's. Portsmouth
- 2 - Portsmouth?
- 3. do. Fowey - Plymouth



1804 Portsmouth London.

5. do do & Wales

6. do do

7. do do & Portsmouth & France.

8 London

9 do and Wales & France. My debut  
in the service of the public. - Portsmouth.

10 In Feb. embarked for Lisbon & after  
after a rough and perilous passage of  
nearly six weeks. - Lisbon

11 Lisbon

12 do Spain & Portugal & France & Italy.

*Rest of my  
Concurrence* 13 Spain / Portugal / France

14 do & France My father died in

15 Spain Portugal & England & France

16 Portsmouth. Isle of Wight & London

17 do do do

*Remained* 18 do do do

19, 20 & 21. do do do

22 Scotland London & France

23 France - Portsmouth London and  
Van Diemen's Land

24 Quitted V. D. L. about the 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. S. M.

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25 New South Wales

26 do till October Van D. Land

1832. till April. On my voyage to  
England till Aug. Portsmouth London

23. England

24. Plymouth. Voyage Van D. L.  
where I still remain

April. 15 No news of Sir John - not having the  
least idea of his motions if he be  
really on the move and not stuck  
fast. I thought it useless to send  
after him. At 4 P.M. walked out to  
the new Gov. House with Sir John.  
He afterwards dined with me. We  
strolled into the Gov. Garden and ate  
a few Scapes.

Visited the  
N. G. House. He afterwards dined with me. We  
strolled into the Gov. Garden and ate  
a few Scapes.

16. Endeavouring to settle Hoare's claim  
He expressed his willing ness to cancel  
the Bond he held of Turnbull and  
his partners and to release them  
under Seal from all the circumstances  
of the lease. He had hesitated however  
as I understood when the papers



were put before him. It is certain that the business was not settled at the time appointed / 2 o'clock / and upon my sending Mr. Offor over to enquire whether Loane had done all that was needed for the Soldier's funeral sent back his Compt. and requested that I would not forward the Warrant for payment until I heard from Mr. Ritcain.

It ~~has~~ rained a good deal in the night and continues to fall at this time 12. All confined to the house =

Rain more or less through the day cold and disagreeable.

At the Theatre. ~~Ballad~~ songs duets, trios &

Has de deus Otaguika & some other kind disgusting exhibitions; the vocal part of the evening was respectable

Rec<sup>d</sup> a despatch from Sir John dated Bank of 21. the Franklin 15 April. Wrote off to John Forster by return of the messenger, desiring him to make every caution to communicate with the Governor's party.

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April 22

Swanson called to say that I might have Mr. Bell's house for five years at the rent of £ 120 per ann. I agreed to take it from the 1<sup>st</sup> proximo. Wrote to J. Forster about the packet for the Gov<sup>t</sup> which as I heard was then lying on the bank of Lake St. Clair. Walked out with Henry to the new Gov. House and stepped in to look at the Gov. Scales and the Grapes.

23 Visited the Lady Franklin. She was to have sailed in the afternoon but her accommodations for the troops were not thought complete. I forwarded a report upon the Subject from Ainsworth, to Monrocy for explanation.

24 At St. Andrews in the forenoon with Henry. After dinner walked out to Newtown and dined with Fletcher. Looked over Mr. Bell's house.

Spent some at my office considering the Bridges. Agreed that it would not be proper to commence these undertakings without an Engineer to superintend the work.



For a note from Anselme at 10 o'clock at 26  
might about despatching a boat to overtake  
the Eteja, with provisions of all kinds for  
Sir John. At the Office before breakfast 27  
giving directions for boat to be got ready  
purchased a couple of sheep from Ladd  
which with the other things Anselme had  
prepared were sent away very soon after  
12. Before dinner walked with Henry  
down to the old bridge at the Stone Quarry.  
Saw a bill which Fletcher accepted for 28.  
£57. and sent it to the London Bank  
for discount. due 31 July and at the same  
time I accepted a bill for £60 for Fletcher.  
Called at Anselme's and spoke to him  
about the Gov. robes for the Queen's  
birth day. Gave Fletcher £37 in part 29  
of the bill due tomorrow. <sup>Called on</sup> Dunn.  
Gave £10 to make up the sum of the 30  
bill. Had a carriage and took Mary  
and the Children out to New Town to  
see the house. Walked over to Fletcher's  
and saw all the family but George and

his father.  
May 1 A windy wild looking morning. At home  
all the morning. Afternoon walked round  
by the toney steps before dinner. Edward  
dined here. It being his birth day. he com-  
pleted his 19<sup>th</sup> Year.  
2 Rose early. at 6 o'clock and after waiting  
half an hour for Champ, walked out to  
upon the Sandy Bay road as far as  
Payntons. Afternoon walked up to Bank  
to look at some pictures he has lately  
received from England. They are certainly  
very clever performances. painted by  
a pupil of Constables. Fraser walked  
up with me. I offered to join him in the  
purchase of a pair of them if they would  
let us have them for thirty pounds but  
his love for the art was not intense enough  
for such an expenditure of coin. -  
3 Swanson called to get my signature to  
a certificate which entitles him to the other  
allowance of a lapstain from the Company's  
Store. Put my name & sent it to Dunn.



Saw Mr. Dawson who called to advise 4 May  
with me upon the course he had best adopt in pursuing an enquiry into the blame  
charge made by Mr. Hall against the  
Sinnott for their treatment of an assigned  
servant who died in their service. I  
said as little about it as I could. Evening  
the Ch. Pot. Mag. the most proper person  
for him to confer with. Foster however  
is out of town and will not be back  
till Friday. There was a report that the  
Breeze was off half moon bay but upon  
enquiry there did not appear any good  
grounds for the conclusion. Saw  
Kenslowe. He had heard the same report.  
Heavy squalls with copious showers. 5.  
George's friend, Jas. Grant dined with  
us. As I was sitting down to a rather 6  
early dinner I rec<sup>d</sup> a note from Kenslowe  
about Sir John's situation. All he told 2 or 3  
he had known at 12 o'clock that day hours  
but preferred amending me when it heavy  
was almost too late to do any thing squalls.

No rain.

A fine &  
still sunny.

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However I immediately left my dinner  
walked down to my office. Sent for Mr.  
Calden. Stopped the doing of the mail  
wrote a letter to John Foster with all  
sorts of instructions for forwarding the  
object we had in view - and another  
communication to D. B. Clarke at  
Prattborough to have certain quantities  
of provisions in readiness to be taken  
on by Mr. Caldens men. Left to finish  
my dinner at 8 o'clock.

Tolerably fine day. Walked home  
with Power. Talked to him about  
Lusens going out with Mr. Kettis -  
Power has nothing new to say but  
wherever he meets me commences with  
"Well! Bennett has made up his mind  
to go with Spent. Have seen Kettis  
and he will be happy to have Lusens  
with him" &c

At home till 12 1/2. engaged on my  
private affairs - Afternoon at St. David's  
Evening reading Butler's Analogy



At 2 o'clock walked out to the New 10 May  
Gov. House - The place has put on an <sup>last night</sup>  
air of business. The stone cutters & masons  
Laborers appear now to be doing some  
things - but for want of workmen called  
Builders, <sup>of which there is only one at present</sup> the foundation proceeds but  
slowly - they have not laid above  
25 or 30 feet of the Ball room. It  
seems that secret orders were given  
for advancing this part of the House  
of which I was not aware. I looked  
in at the Gov. Garden, ate a few grapes  
and permitted Mr. Aubertson to send  
up a basket-ful for the children, to  
my house. - Mrs. Lowe was boring me  
again about Sir John, proposing what  
I deemed to be unnecessary and I  
therefore declined doing it. I saw  
Monsieur respecting the rumour of  
the Eliza having put into Port Arthur  
with the loss of a topmast. Mr. treated  
the report with contempt.  
Squally with cold showers from the 11<sup>th</sup>

42  
Northwest. No news of Sir John. Davies  
wrote me a note and followed in the  
delivery of it. offering his services in  
any way. I said he should be ready  
at an hour's notice to proceed by  
Land or Sea in aid of the L.G. and  
then asked leave to go up to his farm  
at New Norfolk for two or three days!!  
I treated him very civilly thanked him  
for the offer of his services and assured  
him that I would not fail to call  
upon him if I thought he could make  
himself useful. Of course, upon  
Sir John's return he will make the  
most of this. - L'espérance Sir John  
ne sait pas que le zèle ~~pour~~ employé  
près des puissances n'est souvent  
qu'une forme qui prend la  
hassene - Bourgeoise. - Sir John  
12 Had a consultation with Monahan, Kay,  
Kain in and Kelly, as to the best steps to be  
taken in aid of Sir John. It was resolved  
to send off an express to Lancaster



to order the Vaucliff to if she had  
not sailed to proceed to Macquarie  
Harbour with provisions, with all  
speed and Mr. Bateman the bar-  
bour Master to go in her. he being  
supposed at by Moriaity well acq<sup>t</sup>  
with the Coast. If the Vaucliff  
should have sailed then the "Pine"  
of Denmark was to be taken up  
to proceed to the same place with  
Lucas the pilot and provisions on  
board. That vessel was considered  
more eligible than the Tamar as  
her sailing qualities were much su-  
perior. I wrote to Major S. Mearns  
and Moriaity gave the messsars  
instructions to Bateman

No news of the absences. I wrote 13  
to George in answer to his app<sup>n</sup>  
to me to accept a bill for him.

Paid my subscription for £55 due 14  
at the Colonial Bank. Courier  
arr<sup>d</sup> from Launceston. He brought

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me a letter from S. Mearns saying  
that the Vaucliff was at George  
Town if she had not sailed and that  
provisions would be put on board  
of her and she would be despatched  
with Mr. Bateman immediately if  
she had sailed. The Buoy boat was  
to be sent S. Mearns observing that  
she could get over the bar at M. A.  
and he himself thought it desir-  
able that if the Vaucliff was  
available for ~~that~~ the purpose in  
hand that the buoy boat should  
accompany her. Fletcher wrote up  
to say that he had seen a Sydney  
paper of the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. in which was  
mentioned Gregory's app<sup>t</sup> to the Cape  
as Col<sup>l</sup>. Surbary when he was  
daily expected. I sincerely hope it  
is true. for the abilities and habits  
of such a man as Gregory ought to  
have a better field for exercise than  
this paltry Colony could afford.



May 15  
About 1 o'clock, walked out to Fletcher, 15 Sunday  
remained but a short time and returned home  
to dine.

Commenced the disagreeable business 18  
of changing houses by packing two  
boxes of books before I went to the office.  
Had a consultation about the boat 19  
Sawyer with the members of his family,  
Gracraft, Price and Kay. The Port  
Office and Private Secretary. The  
three former and the port office were  
perfectly satisfied with what had  
been done. We however agreed to let  
the "Damon" go down the river with  
provisions on board by way of looking  
about the Coast; but without any  
distinct idea of the utility of the ven-  
ture. It appeared however to be doing  
something and that was consolatory.  
It was only in respect to Kay's opinion  
that I allowed the "Damon" to go at all.  
I was covered up at 5 in the morning 20.  
with the news that the Gov. and party

Commenced the actual business  
of moving by sending out four  
or five loads of books.

were in the river. I received two notes  
from Sir John one dated the evening  
before and one on the 16. when they parted  
from the Breeze. Walked down to Gov.  
House before breakfast. Saw Mrs. Lowe  
and Miss Franklin. About one o'clock  
we got into the Barge and pulled  
down to meet the Squadron i.e. the  
Breeze the "Pausillan" & the "Elegia",  
the latter with the Commodore on  
board. We scrambled up the side about  
1 o'clock and found Sir John Lady  
Franklin & Bageot all perfectly well  
notwithstanding the hardships they  
had suffered. We anchored at 4 1/2 and  
having seen the happy party safe in their  
own dining Room I took my leave.

Rainy 21  
Left Sir J. at 6  
and then walked  
home through rain  
and mud.

Took my leave of Pitt Rivers Crescent and  
went away to the office. We had a  
Council at 3 to consider the Judges'  
Report of the trial of a murderer & such.  
22 Walked over to Fletcher. He came back  
with me and we looked about the cellar  
together at the wines.



With the Govt. more or less every day till the 28.

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Many went to Church with Henry 29  
or Mary. Fletcher and I walked over  
to Dobson's and back before dinner. I  
took a family dinner with us and  
a very bad one it was.

Dined at Govt. House, Miss Fraustlin's 3 June  
birth day.

Sir John requested me to accompany 4  
him in an official visit on board the  
"Somersetshire" a prison ship from  
England - there had been a conspiracy  
detected on the voyage out, between the  
Military Guard and Convicts - Three  
Soldiers had been tried at the Cape &  
found guilty - one sentenced to be  
shot and two to be transported for  
life - It was evident that the Surgeon  
- Mr. Gibson was a most unfit person  
to have such a charge entrusted to  
him - Sir John uttered many minutely  
and at great length into the case and

The investigation was not over till past  
five - after which I walked home.

5 Called upon Fletcher - he walked back  
with me - Lukin, Edward & Mr. Lewis  
~~also~~ dined with us.

6 At the public meeting - voting an address  
to the Queen upon the birth of the heir to  
the crown.

7 Dined at Swanthorn's. Pitcairn, Miss  
Dumas, Mr. Saeonel, Mr. Woodthorp  
and Robt. Saeonel of the party. I did  
not see the Govt. through the day.

8 At the examination of the Boys at the  
Queen's School - Sir John, Foster,  
Tumbull, the Atty. General & of the  
Birth day party. Lunched - dined with Haines.  
Ball. Evening at the Birth day ball. Left  
Govt. House at 3 1/2. Left at Haines.

Rain 9 At 11 o'clock - Council till 4 1/2.

10 - 1/2 do till the same time

Rain Raining all the way into town. Mr.  
Carter gave me a lift in his Gig to home.

Rain 11 Rained. all the way into town - at the



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Council from 11 1/2 till near 5. With regard  
an interview between the Rev. Mr. Fry  
and the Gentl. Governor. respecting the  
plans of St. George's Church. It seems  
Mr. Fry had told the late Col. Suft.  
that Sir John had seen the last plans,  
[those which were in progress when the  
Lt. Gov. interposed and put a stop to the  
work] Fry now explained that he has  
since discovered <sup>that</sup> in writing and  
saying Sir John had seen the last plans  
he committed a grievous mistake.  
[in very words] ~~for~~ He is now convinced  
that it was neither the first nor  
the last plan which H. E. had seen  
but the intermediate one. and to which  
Sir John had willingly become a Sub-  
scribe. Walked home without rain.  
Dull morning but looking still as 12  
if the rain was going off. We have  
had no rain since yesterday forenoon.  
Tried to reach Fletchers before dinner but the  
Road was so dirty that I could not manage

- it - walked out upon the Domain for an hour.
- 13 With Sir John for a short time -
- 14 I was so much engaged the whole day that  
I could not go to Govt. House
- 15 I saw the rain coming and took a place by  
the side of Swanton in his phaeton. Before I  
reached home however the rain came rattling  
down. I gave Swanton my angustures for  
108£ odd. and paid him for the articles I  
purchased at Montague.
- 16 Walked by the road into town. Looker  
overtook me. and then Shode who drove  
me to the office. with Sir John for an hour  
in the morning. Observed a notice in the  
Advertiser which surprised me. it an-  
nounced a decision in the tunnel ex-  
pcting 20 men for the coal mines at St. Paul  
before I had seen the Council Minutes.  
Walked home with George who dined and  
I left with us.
- 17 At home all day. Rain came out in the  
afternoon - full of an interview he had had  
with the Governor. about the coal mines.  
Council Minutes Advertiser &c. - Saw



after that Sir John and his Aide de Camp were announced. He came to enquire after my health and I believe was very glad to find me as friendly with him as ever. after the mischief he had done about at. This day having the advice of counsel to appear in the advertisement - having dined with us and we made shift for a bed on the sofa having with us all day. A hotting about. A hot wind. It was a day watched by ill. spent. N. left us about 9 1/2. I walked with him as far as Spoken. Soon after I got back. A heavy rain the rain came down in torrents.

at home all day. Showers and Sunshine 20 do. all day. Having sent me out a box of papers in the afternoon - which I signed and returned.

at the office before 10. Dobson picked me up on the Road. With Sir John between 1 and 2. He gave me Swansons letter & begged that if ever I was offended with him I would call and frankly tell the cause I promised. I would. There appeared

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to be something upon his mind / clearly nothing in which I was concerned / that made him duller than usual. Forsker who succeeded me thought the same and mentioned it to me afterwards.

22 Walked in and out. Lukin was with me giving me an account of his debts, bills, and an order to receive his salary & cash as they became due. I advanced him £10 to help him along. He and Edward came out and dined with us. they left about 8 o'clock. He had taken his place in the Coach for Lauceston tomorrow.

23 At home till 2 1/2. wrote an answer to Sir H. Little of the 8<sup>th</sup> about Forsker's Seat in the Leg. Council. Remained at the Office only a few minutes when I returned.

24 Saw Sir John. he was very pressing about the Estimates and requested that I would set to work upon them immediately. He told me that he had just requested Home the Solicitor General to call upon Francis Smith and prevail upon him to accept a place in

Again  
Sunday  
day

Full moon

Sawing  
C. Bailey &  
Dad.

My fine day

No rain.



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the Council which he had formerly declined  
when offered to him by Sir John ~~Stansfield~~  
ago. Foster's retirement by order of Lord  
Stanley from his unofficial seat in the  
Leg. Co. made a vacancy which Sir John  
as well as myself ~~would~~ wished to see  
filled up by Mr. Smith. I sincerely hope  
Horne may succeed. Sir John I understand  
offered <sup>the</sup> seat to Smith which was  
filled by Denton. A hint was thrown out  
in the advertiser of this morning that a  
vacancy was likely to occur in the Co.  
Elliston told me that he heard from  
Foster that the resignation which he  
himself had sent in twelve months  
ago had just been accepted by the  
Secretary of State. Now careful these  
Lithuanians are to stand well with the  
people here. They fight every inch of ground  
in their forced retreat from power. It is  
easy now to see by what means they  
kept up a false popularity. Nothing was  
too little or too mean for them to have

recourse to, so that it suited to keep them  
on advantageous ground with the people.  
I always thought them a dirty pack of  
unprincipled place hunters and the  
more I see of them the less reason I find to  
alter my opinion. Turnbull, who has  
lately been assisting Sir John in over-  
throwing Foster's Probation Reports &  
complaints, in the fear of being discovered  
by the style of writing or by some other  
means, went to Foster and took credit  
to himself for great caution and wife-  
noodness, by ~~letting~~ avowing the fact.  
Foster however did not fall into the  
mistake but as he said to Cairns "he  
should pitch Jimmy Thomson against  
the Doctor. He had only to give Jimmy  
the heads of his reports and the cunning  
Scotchman would sit up writing all  
night and in the morning bring him a  
score of well filled sheets that would do  
one of which would be quite sufficient  
to undo all the joint lumbering of



Sir John and his faithful adherents -  
I think the doctor had more than his  
match in the quondam Schooner -  
At New Town Church in the forenoon. About 2 1/2  
3 o'clock train came out and remained  
only a short time. Fletcher came over and  
we walked together as far as Riddon  
Terry.

I dined at Govt. House. Sir J. & Lady Riddon 29<sup>th</sup>  
Major and Mrs. Cumberland James &  
his wife Mr. Kaye Mr. Ashman. Dr. Mulligan  
Mr. Bulford. Sir J. & Wife. Wm. Bulford  
Fraser. Lord. We had some music. I  
quitted about 11 and it being a fine evening  
walked home. In the course of the evening  
I had a good deal of conversation with  
Lady Franklin about Baskin and his  
party. She was very much moved at con-  
templating their probable fate and burst  
into tears while talking about them.  
At Council from 11 till 5 1/2. Recd. a note 30  
from Lady Franklin about Baskin and  
his party. This generous kind hearted

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woman is full of the most painful appre-  
hensions for their safety and implored me  
if I could suggest any measure for pre-  
venting the slightest claim to the probability  
of affording them relief or, at the worst, of  
determining their fate, to adopt it at once  
and how gladly, oh how gladly! She would  
bear the expense whatever it was. She  
begged I would not allow any considera-  
tion of that nature to weigh with me  
a moment. It was horror itself to think  
of leaving those poor gallant fellows  
to perish who had undertaken their  
dangerous and she was afraid dis-  
astrous enterprise, to rescue Sir John  
and herself from the perils with which  
they had been surrounded. She should  
never forgive herself if it afterwards  
appeared that there <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ some means,  
left untaken, that might have saved  
them. She is certainly a noble creature.  
She deplored the condition of the lost  
party in terms so eloquent as it is to hear

Lady Franklin  
talking to me  
in the evening



to the heart that I became as much moved as herself -

With Lady Franklin in the afternoon 1 July had another long conversation with her about Boston and his party - Sir John had heard of a meeting that Boston had most indiscreetly called at Lancaster - inviting people to consider and state all their grievances and their wishes respecting themselves and their Town - pretending that he was authorised by Sir John to take this mode of signifying the real interest he felt in their welfare - individually and collectively - Major St. Maw had reported the particulars in a long letter announcing in strong terms upon the independence of Boston's conduct - Sir John sent for me to see the letter he had received from St. Maw and the answer he was writing - As Sir John had not finished when I arrived I took the opportunity to

Letter from Cuthbert - He had been living with Mr. Moore who had treated him in the kindest manner - He was to start this day for Methuen.

go in and see Lady Franklin. In rather more than half an hour Sir John came in and read the letter in which he had repeated in detail the whole of the conversation held with Boston when he was in Hobartown the evening of the Ball. Lady Franklin suggested that Sir John should add and in a postscript if he had concluded his letter "that notwithstanding the indignation of Mr. Boston Sir John should not feel left dishonoured than before to give the Lancaster people every assistance in his power."

2 Saw Jennings of the Union Bank & talked to him about Dennis's proposition that if the Government would allow their money to remain in his Bank without interest he would discontinue <sup>paying</sup> interest to private depositors and reduce his rate of discount to 8 percent. thereby pretending to confer a great benefit upon the public - W. D.



That he was by no means unfavourable, July 42  
disposed towards the measure. It  
would reduce their annual profits  
about £500 a year, not more, if they  
followed John Dumas's steps. But he  
seemed doubtful whether a reduction  
in the rate of Discount was so great  
a public benefit at this time as might  
be supposed. It was likely to throw a  
great additional ~~sum~~ amount of paper  
into the banks and in all probability tend to  
increase the distress that was so much  
and which it was thought calculated to relieve  
complained of. He thought that the a  
high rate of discount where credit  
was given to such an unbounded  
extent, acted as a salutary check  
upon all monetary operations whether  
they were bona fide mercantile  
transactions or accommodation paper.  
The proposed plan was no doubt an  
advantageous one for the Commercial Bank  
in which their Discounts were small and their  
deposits large. He did not think

was  
as in this column was not so great an evil as generally  
supposed  
but that it

\* The effect would probably be if the other  
banks refused to adopt the same system. That  
the Commercial Bank would be obliged to return  
to the business of doing business from which it would gain  
it had unprofitably and perhaps it might be

Shewery

At 12 o'clock  
Wind & Rain

that it followed as a matter of course that  
the other Banks would follow the ex-  
ample of the Commercial. Deposits to a  
large amount would be withdrawn  
from that Establishment and of course  
placed where they would yield interest  
while on the other hand, Quantities of  
paper would be sent in for discount  
and good paper too which it would  
be difficult to effect and injurious  
to the Bank to reject. ~~embarrassed~~ as  
it would be by its old policy of  
limited discounts and by the large  
amount reduced amount of its  
deposits. Called on Bank with  
Power. I offered 43. thirty pounds  
for two of the pictures the two largest.  
At home all day with the exception  
of a visit for an hour to Lanchester Bay  
with the children. Read Gray's new  
Lepros of the day.  
At home all day it never ceased raining  
but the wind abated after early morning.



I played the violin and did something July 42  
to my drawings. Lady Franklin came  
out a little after four in the carriage &  
wished me to go back with her to see Sir J.  
who had received despatches by the  
"Oriana" and was desirous of showing "Orleana"  
them to me. She proposed that I should  
dine with them, and the carriage, in  
that case I should bring me home. I begged  
she would make my apologies to Sir J.  
and excuse me. The despatches were not  
of an agreeable nature - particularly  
one which appeared to threaten R. B. with  
a surcharge for the furniture purchased  
for Gov. House in 1837 and 1838. That  
has been the subject of two or three former  
despatches and I hoped that a report  
made by Major Kelsall and myself had  
set the matter at rest. Every now and  
then the Secretary of State aided and  
abetted by the Treasury Lords takes  
it into his head to annoy the Governors  
of Her Majesty's Colonies with lectures

upon economy - prying into <sup>any</sup> nook and  
corner of Official Residences to ascertain  
that not a plate nor a Saucepan from the  
dining Room to the Kitchen has been paid  
for out of our Colonial purse. Notwith-  
standing these periodical fits of parsi-  
mony - The Right Honorable Gentlemen  
or Lord as it may be, never feels the  
slightest compunction at saddling the  
Colonies with his friends or relations -  
never even thinks it necessary to make  
the slightest apology or assign the least  
reason for picking the public pocket.  
Why not boldly tell the Governor before he  
is allowed to quit Downing Street that  
the salary he is to receive is merely nomi-  
nal - and that in fact he will <sup>not only</sup> have to  
entertain the Secretary of State's friends  
<sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ even furnish the dining Room  
and the Kitchen in which, and by means  
of which, they are fed - out of his own pocket.  
Why not tell him so Lord and Treasurer  
because if they did no man in his senses  
would be found to accept the <sup>propitiously</sup> empty honor



The L. Gov's Carriage came for me at 4 1/2 5 July  
 Saw Sir John looked over the despatches heavy &  
 There were only four - An answer to the Insurgent  
 despatch transmitting Mr Dowell's letter  
 judicial - in which Lord Stanley says  
 that Mr. M. C. had partly misinstructed  
 the grounds upon which Lord S. Russell  
 had thought fit to remove him - he would  
 not however review a decision upon that  
 unpleasant subject but desired Sir John  
 to acquaint Mr. M. C. that his last letter  
 was received in a very proper spirit and  
 did him great credit. A final decision  
 upon Mr. Abbott's claims to the Swamp  
 enclosing a long report upon the whole  
 of the family claims by the Land and  
 Emigration Commissioners. a careful  
 clever document - Lord Stanley desires  
 Sir John to resist Abbott's claim by every  
 legal means in his power and to acquaint  
 him that as far as the Govt. is concerned  
 the decision is final. A refusal of Sir  
 recommendation of £400 a year for

Raining

A shower

Fine &

Sunny 9  
 strong gust  
 heavy rain  
 the night

heavy  
 shower

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tributed the late M. C. S. and a  
 despatch acknowledging the receipt of a  
 number of the Insurgent journal. and  
 authorising the cost to be charged in  
 the public accounts. The L. Gov's carriage  
 came for me at 4 1/2 and took me home.  
 At 10 1/2 The carriage came for me. I  
 dined with Sir John en famille and  
 slept at the Office. Was with Sir John  
 Dined with Carr and slept again on  
 the sofa - no steady rain  
 I was not at Govt House. Maria with  
 home with me dinner and took what  
 I went very late into town. A hot wind  
 blowing. A ship from England with  
 her crew. Sent out the papers  
 relating to the Estimates.  
 At 5. John in the morning. Saw F. H.  
 Swanton & St. James for an hour and  
 a half heavily. Looking at the Estimates.  
 Saw Sir John. He told me of the recon-  
 ciliation that had taken place between  
 Sir John Pender and Gregson.



Sir John wrote a note to inform me 12 July 42  
that he had received a full report from  
Bastian. He and his three companions  
were at Marlborough recovering fast.  
They had left their two companions at  
Settlement Island, Macquarie Harb.  
in as comfortable a spot as they could  
provide for them and with as many  
potatoes as they could collect. There  
is every hope that the boat sent from  
this <sup>place</sup> or that <sup>which</sup> went round from Lau-  
cession in the Van Sittart will pick  
up the poor fellows alive. It is to be  
hoped they have not left the spot in  
the vain expectation of being able to  
follow their companions, but the sickness  
of hope deferred and <sup>the probability of</sup> then being left  
to perish ~~by the~~ in consequence of  
~~their destination~~ Bastian and his party  
having failed in reaching some point  
of snow may have driven them to  
desperation. But let us hope for the  
best. Though cut off for a time from

all human aid. They were in the hands  
of the Supreme disposer of events who  
caused manna from heaven & covered  
a land with quail ~~and a variety of~~  
~~the same kind of the first and last~~  
to save his afflicted creatures from  
perishing with hunger. At the P. O.  
from 4 till 5 1/2. Then walked home.  
A fine evening.

Showery. 13 I walked into Town after a heavy  
shower which had covered the ground  
again with water. At two o'clock I  
went to Govt. House to assist Sir B.  
in receiving a deputation from New  
Hampshire who had to present a petition  
against the Collection of Land Rents.  
One of the deputation / Fenton / with his  
grey unkempt hair, sandy clothes  
and thick-soled, round-toed dirty  
boots looked as all the world as if  
he had been <sup>submerged</sup> ~~beaten~~ in the Bush for  
the last twenty years and been caught  
this morning and brought again into civilized life



July 10

for the especial purpose of this day.  
I left my Office at 4 1/2 and walked  
home. a fine evening. I made interest  
with Spode to save many Ann Poles  
from a sentence of Seven days Solitary  
confinement which had just been  
passed upon her for being found in the  
streets late last night and afterwards  
drinking with a constable. <sup>at a Mrs. Spence's</sup> The latter  
part of the offence was no doubt committed  
for the purpose of obtaining <sup>that suspicious</sup> beer by her  
husband's means and those of good liquor  
from the strict discharge of his duty.  
In this design she succeeded but as the  
poor girl could not bribe the whole fra-  
ternity. Some dry, unmellowed, churl  
pounced upon <sup>as in the suggestion</sup> them and bore them off  
to the Watch house. The compassion in  
the compensatory pleasure was not so  
fortunate as herself. for Mr. Peirce sent  
him to the retirement of the Fleet Wharf  
for a few of these short days.

On returning about 4 1/2 from Gov. Ho. 15

I found Hill who without my having  
had the least idea of his coming had arrived  
from England. He brought a young friend  
with him a Mr. Baynes the son of an old  
Shipmate. They went to dine with Morley  
and I walked home.

16 I wrote to Sir John and asked him to <sup>allow me to</sup>  
present an old friend of mine to him. which  
he granted immediately. So I took Hill  
and his shadow Young Baynes to Gov. Ho.  
Sir John was particularly civil, kind  
indeed. They came out and dined with  
us and took up their abode ~~at home~~

17 At home. walking principally about  
the Grounds. & I dined with us.

18 At the Office. The H. walked into Town  
with them. Sir John walked out with me.

19 I intended to go to the Lecture at the Mech.  
Institute. but Sir John joined me and  
he and Baynes and myself walked towards  
my home. The H. dined with Swans in

20 The H. dined with ~~Swans~~ me at  
Government House. I slept in Town and



They on board their Brig.

We all dined at Newbourn

They dined at Porters - I was engaged 22  
upon the Estimates more or less through  
the week.

Raining left my Keys in town I was 24  
obliged to go in town before breakfast. Letter from  
Perrin had got them. Called and lunchd Winfield  
with Fletcher. dated April.

Bill & his friends called to say adieu 27  
to me at the Office. They intended to Rain  
Start for Campbellton the next morning.

At home. Fletcher called after Church 31  
and promised to dine with us next.

Sunday.

Detained at Govt. Ho. till it was too 2  
late to go to the Mech. Institute - So  
I came home

At Council till past four - Dined 3  
at Govt. House "Society". Left in town  
weather threatening rain.

Light rain all day. Cold disagreeable 6  
weather swept just in the middle of the

3: afternoon with L. J. I.  
the letter was of the same  
with various alterations of  
the same & many errors  
I'm of the paper in the

Ray - Called upon Boynton and bought  
a quarter cask of Sherry of him and  
also a ham and a box of plums.

7 At home - Shopping about the friends  
Mary and Henry and Mary gone to  
church. Cold with slight showers  
the mountain getting covered with  
snow.

9 Dined at Govt. House and then accompa-  
nied the Royal family to the Mechanics  
Institute to hear a Lecture upon Ecology  
from the Rev. Mr. Lillie. The carriage was  
sent home with me and put me down  
at the gate.

10 At Council. Vansittart and <sup>then left at</sup> <sup>May. Harbour</sup> 10

11 do Examined the Managing Directors  
of the Commercial, Van D. Lane, Duvent,  
Australasian & Union Banks.

13 At Council - Examined Deis coll and  
H. G. Mauleave. Broke up early and I  
walked home.

14 At home in the morning threatening rain  
Afternoon walked with George & Henry  
up to Lady Franklin's Museum.



Completed the Estimates. With Sir John from Aug 4<sup>2</sup>  
4 till 5 1/2.

Stay up for a ship with Female Prisoners 16  
but the wind being in her teeth she could not  
get up. Sent Fletcher's Accept<sup>ce</sup> in my favor  
for £54 to the Colonial Bank with a note  
for Driscoll. Got home by 5 1/4 Dipped the  
quartern cask of honey which I got from Poynton  
the other day. and filled it with Eggs & Blotting  
paper.

At the Ex. Council. 17

At Council. From 11 till 6. 18

Sent Circular to Laureston Banks 19

proposing Gov. Deposits without int. pro.

replied it was discontinued to other Dep<sup>ts</sup>

and the rate of Discount reduced to 8 per Cent.

Sent the Circular to the Robarston Banks. 20

placed Fletcher's Accept<sup>ce</sup> to my account as it

was my accommodation. £53. Called upon

Driscoll. Took a letter me that £15000 B. Silver had arrived

At Newtown Church visited both the orphan 21

Schools and the Gov. Farm boys from P. Puer

Rode Mr. Thomas Horse up to Reddown.

22 Sent Graham to purchase a Chimney piece  
this morn at lowest Auction Room. He paid  
it for £5.10. the price offered.

23 With Sir John. He spoke of Milligan's Aff<sup>r</sup>  
and enquired if I had heard any one speak  
of it. I answered that I saw nobody. I then  
repeated twice over a description of the  
Character I thought the person should  
possess who held the situation of Director of  
the Probation Dep<sup>t</sup>. Sir John said he had  
quite made up his mind about it and was  
satisfied that he could not find a more fit  
person than Milligan. If Scudlow and Geyson  
say true Milligan possesses not one of the necessary  
qualifications.

24. Session of the Legislative Council commenced  
Geyson, Carr, Kennedy, the Attorney General  
and myself were sworn in. Adjourned at 3.

25. From 1 to 5 at the Legislative Council.

26. 2 to 5 1/2 ..... do. my new pinch and  
some was not from

27 At home till 2 1/2 walked into Town. Signed  
a good many papers and called upon Austin  
left cards for Fisher and Kennedy. Walked  
home - purchased a new hat.



At Newtown Church . . . 28 Aug.  
 Council. Fenton dined with me . . . 2 Sept.  
 No Council . . . 3  
 At St. George's Church with Aubrey Kind 4  
 with Fletcher - met a D. A. C. G. Turner.  
 The Gov<sup>r</sup> read his finance Minute. I 5  
 gave notice that I should move the consi-  
 deration of the Estimates in a Committee  
 of the whole Council the next day.  
 Begun upon the Estimates. made consi- 6  
 derable progress. with the Council.  
 Dined at Gov<sup>r</sup> House. Upon the Estimates 7  
 Finished the Estimates and gave notice 8  
 that the Appropriation Act would be ready  
 for the Council on Monday  
 No Council on the 9<sup>th</sup>. At the Council dined 10  
 with the Attorney General  
 Rode up to the 6<sup>th</sup> Mile Stone with Fletcher 11  
 and Symott. Dined at Skell's. Reached  
 home by 7 o'clock.  
 Rainy Morning. I got wet through riding  
 into town. At the Council passed the  
 Appropriation Act.

Sept. 13. At the Council till 5 1/2 Rode in and out  
 Arthur Kemode and Ashburner dined  
 with me. Every thing went off very well.  
 14. At the Council - adjourned <sup>to Monday 19<sup>th</sup></sup> leaving the  
 Insolvent Estates Bill to a Sub. Committee  
 Rode home and into town on horseback.  
 Paid £4.6 for a Fender and Glass Candles.  
 Thicks and Shades.  
 15. Rode in with Swans-ton. settled it  
 that he would forthwith prepare a draft  
 Bill for the Hobart Waterworks.  
 Saw the Lieutenant Governor called  
 about the Usury Laws and transacted  
 business - Dined with Power met J. Burke  
 16. Knowlson Bagot Capt. Smith & wife  
 E. Bedford Treason &c. I left at the office  
 16 Fine Morning. No Council yesterday  
 or today. Palmer called. paid my Sub.  
 of £2 towards Trinity Church to him.  
 Rode down as far as last weights and  
 should have gone further if the load had  
 been manageable. Called upon Mr. Woodthorpe  
 and arranged with her about Henry's  
 lessons. He is to commence on Monday next.



Called upon Mr. Ewing. He rode down to the house with me. Walked into town and dined for dinner at Gov. House. Met Major Mannering and his wife, Francis Capt. Blackwood, Ferguson, wife & daughters E. Bedford, Jagger, Minickhead, & Millyan and old Mr. Bedford and wife. Dined at the office. Williams brought in the horse for me at 7 1/2 and I rode home to breakfast. at Church at Newtown. at home all day afterwards. A moonlight evening walked about the garden. Took Anne over to Fletcher's that he might 19 Henry accompanying his son George to school. A commenced cool breezy morning. at one at the Council with Mr. Woodthorpe. They remained friends till 1904.

At Council from 2 till 5. ——— 20 Elizabeth's birth day dined with Madam. 21 Met Dr. Clarke. Power, Capt. Blackwood. Ray. Fletcher. Major Cleese, Young Diner and two empty headed concombis off 51.

At Council from 11 till 5. Council 1 till 6 on getting home I found 22

Sept. 22 Still had arrived. He dined and took up his abode with us.

Rain 23 Not arrived. Rain came on at 10 am.

24 At the Council for an hour or two. rode home between 3 and 4. Still ~~and~~ <sup>me</sup> dined.

25 At Newtown Church with Hill and the family a disagreeable day with squalls of wind and showers. Kenwood called. Still at home.

26 at the Council till 6. adjourned till the 12<sup>th</sup> proximo. Hill with us every day. At the Council from 1 1/2 till 5. My teeth gave me a great deal of pain till 11 or 12 at night.

Rain 28 Showery. squalls of wind. My teeth better.

30 Wrote to Hickolls notifying his appointment to Perth Station and desiring him to repair thither immediately.

October 1 Executive Council. He was preparing for his excursion to Tasman's peninsula. I saw Lady Franklin.

2 at Newtown Church in the morning. at home and strolling about with Hill



in the afternoon. Called with <sup>Bell</sup> Bill  
upon Mr. <sup>Bell</sup> to see my girl Mary who  
had been a visitor there for some days.  
Asken Fugate to dine with me.

Read over the Despatches concerning 14 Oct  
Montagu. Dined my horse in Bagot's  
Stables. Paid £32.1.3 and £20.1.

At Newtown Church in the morning. In 9  
the afternoon took a gallop round the  
Race Course.

The three youngest Children were 16  
Christened at Newtown Church after  
morning service by the Rev. Mr. Ewing. Mary  
Elizabeth  
Charles  
Christened  
Still stood sponsor for Mary  
Elizabeth  
Charles.

Dined at Gov. House. Will of the party. 17  
a very pleasant merry evening. Leg. Council.

At the Leg. Council. Adjourned till 18  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

Sail and wind. Sleet blowing in my face. 21  
and pricking like needles.

Sail again all the way into Town. At 22

Gov. House. H. & full of a suspicious teller.  
That appeared in the Colonial Times, the  
true Colonist of the evening before. Traveller  
for an hour.

23 Rode to the beginning of the Town before  
breakfast. After breakfast dressed for  
Church but we were all too late. A  
beautiful warm summer's day. Still  
walked into Town in the afternoon and  
found that a prison ship had arrived,  
which turned out to be true. The "Kinner"  
from England 10 July as I heard after.

24 Raining morning but mild. In town  
by 9 1/2. Called at Gov. House but it was  
too early for them. Nobody in the Office.

30. At home all day. Reading prayers &c.

31 Still and I dined at Gov. House. I saw  
Lady F and Parky off at 10 1/2 walked  
home. At the Ea. Council from 12 till 6.

Nov. 2 With the 5<sup>th</sup> Gov. and ~~at~~ the Leg. Council  
from 12 till 4 1/2.

3 Horse employed cutting manure. Walked  
in and out of Town. With the Gov. from 11  
till 1 and then at the Council till 5.



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More similarly employed. Walked 4 Nov.  
into Town. Rain but by Dandelion.

Dined with Sir John. Major Mansueto  
walked into Town. Leg. Council after 5.  
wrote Austey and I got into a Hack and Rain  
rode home in the rain. He dined and  
took a bed. Gregson was to have been of  
the party but he sent to say that he was  
unwell.

At home all day idling my time with C  
Austey. He dined with us early and in  
the dusk I walked part of the way  
into Town with him.

No Council. Walked into and out of  
Town. Rode into Town on my way. I  
met Will who had just returned from  
the Moon with Lady Franklin & Party.

At 2 Leg Council afterwards with Sir J.  
till 5. Marquis Hastings arrived.  
At Council. Afterwards with Sir John 9  
looking over Despatches till 6 1/2. The  
Duke arrived from London 100 days  
at Council. Looking over Despatches by 10

Duke. Heard of Montagu's Suspension  
being confirmed.

11 At the Council till 4. Rode home by 6. I  
bought a pony for riding £19.

Rain 12 At home. Thinking over Despatches for  
the Ministry of State. Raining afternoon

13. Rose at 5 1/2 rode into Town before  
breakfast to get the Estimates for 1843.  
The Mayflower arrived last evening and  
there was another Ship signalled  
supposed to be the Calcutta. At home  
all day afterwards. Writing & lounging.  
A beautiful day. The richest sunshine  
warm but yet breezy.

Rain 14 A cool breezy morning. The rain came  
on about 11 o'clock. I was at the Office  
by 9 1/2. At the Leg. Council from 1 till 5 1/2  
dined at Gov. House.

15 Leg. Council 2 till 5 1/4 Gregson called for  
Will and myself with a carriage. Took  
us to the Ferry. Dined at Roshdown. Left  
by 12 1/2. It is full two miles from the  
Ferry to my house.



Leg. Council 1 till 5. Penetration of Knight 16 Nov 42  
 3 doz Stock at 40/- 3 doz. Bazaar 30/-  
 1 basket Champagne 50/- 1 case of stout  
 3 doz at 12/- 2 Casks Ale 8 doz at 12/-  
 and a few days afterwards, 2 cases of  
 Claret /very bad sour stuff/ at 30/-  
 Council 17 Raining  
 Baines & Wife Fletcher, wife & daughter & Blowing.  
 Living & Wife died here. It rained hard & heavy squalls  
 by and heavily all the evening  
 Leg. Council 2 till 5. Adjourned to the 18  
 22<sup>nd</sup> at home till 3 writing a despatch 19  
 to Lord Stanley to accompany the Estimates  
 & Finance Minute. Read it over to the  
 Gov<sup>t</sup> who app<sup>d</sup> without any alteration  
 or addition. Gave it to Leicester to copy  
 out fair and then come home. I saw Sovereign  
 B<sup>r</sup> Jones who told me that the Sovereign sailed for  
 would positively sail that morning. He England  
 said that he lived at Portsmouth and Squally with  
 I requested of him to remember me to Showers.  
 J<sup>r</sup> Stewart  
 At home all the morning. Home after 20. do do  
 Weather

Family at Church - Afternoon I rode out  
 with Will for an hour.  
 Nov. 21 In leaving the office Cairn informed  
 me that the Vindictive had arrived from  
 China. Capt<sup>t</sup> Nicholas - He was over. The  
 Chinese to pay 21,000,000 dollars. With  
 Sir John the greatest part of the day. He  
 introduced me to Nicholas the Skipper.  
 Saw Lady Franklin. <sup>I dined at Gov<sup>t</sup> house.</sup>  
 22. Another came down to the Council. 2 till 5  
 23. at the Council till 5 adjourned till 8  
 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of  
 reading the marriage act a third time  
 I dined with Baines. Council adjourned  
 sine die. Sir John Pender brought me  
 home in his Carriage.  
 Evening 24 Walked into Town by the Gov<sup>t</sup> Garden  
 heavy rain with sleet. Called on board the Frigate  
 the Officers very civil.  
 25 At home all day. The rain continued  
 steadily all through the day and evening.  
 Rain  
 26 The Garden full of water. At home all day  
 "Colchester"  
 arrived Sir John, Paget & Penrose called just  
 as we sat down to dinner. Rain ceased



Harriet came out and dined with us.  
At home all day read prayers & Libsons. 27 Nov. 42  
Ex. Council 11 till 4 1/2. <sup>"Miffutt" & "Chas. Kaper"</sup> arrived 100 + 95 days. 28.  
Paid my a/cpt. for the horse £50. till 29.  
dined in Town and then accompanied  
his friends to Rows on's Concert. <sup>"Emily"</sup> arrived  
Ex. Council 11 till 1 1/2 and again from 30.  
2 1/2 till 4 1/4. Harry Moore who had  
arrived from Lancaster in search of a  
situation dined with us.  
A holiday. I intended to ride with Hill 1 December  
to Richmond. but the weather looked heavy & also  
suspicious and we put off our trip.  
It came on to blow heavily about 9 o'clock.  
Rode into Town and met Hill coming  
out upon Harry's little hearse - almost  
suffocated with dust. At home all  
the rest of the day - idling about the  
Garden and writing up this diary.  
After dinner walked into Town intending  
to go to the Ball - but feeling unwell and  
disinclined to drop when I reached the  
Office I mounted my horse and returned  
home. Still this friend Haymer at the

Ball - I saw Harry Aubrey who was wait-  
ing at my Office for Haymer & Hill.  
Dec. 2 Sent £61.12.3 to Swanton being the  
Amount of Rent to the 30 Oct. last.  
See Swanton's Receipt on the file. Foster  
called upon me and had a long conversation  
about Montagu and Sir John. He said  
if the latter had contented himself with  
blowing the first dispatch to Lord Stanley Mon-  
tagu's suspension would have been  
confirmed. but the second dispatch  
describing his policy and the attitude  
seems he entertained of Foster & himself  
ruined him as the character of those officers  
were so completely at variance with what  
he had written over and over again of and  
to them. In the same way too of Montagu  
who had sent in Copies of all those adulatory  
communications - so that the Secretary of  
State naturally said, which of these  
dispatches are it's belief? This or the  
former? They cannot both be true. for  
they <sup>are</sup> diametrically opposite in character.



Forster declared that he as firmly believed in the intended removal of Sir John and the restoration of Montague to his office of Col. Secretary, as he was conscious of his own existence - Towards the end of our conversation Forster ~~he~~ said that if Sir John did not go he should. Stanley dined with us but he and Raynes left early for the ~~Hotel~~ Ranelagh ball.

Among other things Forster said that he acquitted Sir John of all moral wrong in the <sup>affairs</sup> despatches conveyed in the despatches that Sir John would sign any thing that was put before him. and the fault lay with him who wrote the last despatch in not having looked back and ascertained what Sir John had said ~~before~~ - ~~for~~ in former despatches - before he committed his matter -

At the Ex. Council 11 till 3. Raynes & I dined with us. In the evening Hill told me that he was desirous of naming me as a co-agent with his brother in law

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Went  
felling

Harrison in the management of his affairs during his absence. Scarcely consented and he soon after said that this arrangement ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> relieving his mind of a heavy load which had been oppressing him for some time past - particularly since he had spoken about taking his passage in the "Indistinct" - Sent £30 to the Commercial Bank.

4. Beautiful breezy sunny morning.

Hill, Mary, and two of the children gone to Church. Read prayers and lessons of the day. Afternoon rode as far as Tolson. Found M<sup>rs</sup> Hill had been ill for five weeks. She was lying upon the sofa very weak and low but under course of tonic medicine was recovering fast.

Rain 5. At the Council 11 till 3 1/2. Arrived in Kentridge. My face as I rode into Town. Hill rode out with me. It was very cold all day.

Raynes & King Robert began cutting the barley.

6. A Beautiful still sunny morning. Rode in and out.



The two Kays and Damer of the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 42  
Obeerwary dined with us. We had  
a good dinner and a pleasant evening.

The Director of Public Works and Edward came 8  
out to breakfast with us. I accompanied them  
to Kisdon at least to the Ferry where they went  
for the purpose of consulting a supposed survey in  
a former measurement. On my return the Hon  
cant a shoe which obliged me to walk in and  
out of town. With Sir John from 3 till past  
4 which compelled me to remain at the  
Office till past 5. Day muddling.

Rode at 6 1/2. Walked into the hay fields. 9  
Paid 1/2 & car's Rent. Rode in late having  
sent the horse to be shod. Beautiful day  
Rode in. With Sir John twice. He was going 10  
to New Norfolk with Lady Franklin.

Rode up to Coates they were not at home.  
But still as I got near home and rode with  
him to Kisdon Ferry which he crossed to dine  
with Sir John. Still returned about midnight.  
Rode at 6 1/2. Yesterday I dug the first 11  
potatoes. On the border in front near the  
Barley field - Day all down. Read one

Four loaves  
Sunday day.

11  
Potatoes

of Attlebury's Sumner before I went to  
Church. After church walked with Nell  
up to the Museum. It was raining  
hot on the way up but it became  
overcast and windy before we returned.

Night 12. Still left us for Campbellton: by the M.  
shown Coach. "

do. 13. The Lane Francis arrived. With her  
chandise - 117 days from England  
Began eating the Hay - At noon dined

Fine 14. Accepted a bill for Fletcher £50 at  
Sunday 3 months. Eating Hay Henry Moore dined

Weather with us. With Sir John in the afternoon.

do. do. 15. Eating Hay. Dined at Gov. House and  
Kain cut remained there till past 11. Walked home.

do. do. 16. Purchased a plated Salver for £5. and  
two do labels. Sir John attended by

My Birth day two orderlies and with him in the  
day Carriage Major Amisworth, The aide. de.  
Camp young Bagot and the private Secy.  
James Lowe. Mr. Ker. Mr. Ewing, The  
High Sheriff and my friend Nell march  
of the party. Capt. Nicolas of the  
"Vindictive"



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walked down in the evening with Mr. Ewing. Still arrived from Newton Vale about 2. We had an Ex. Council at 1. Heard the judges Report and notes read upon two capital cases. There were no extenuating points and the law was allowed to take its course. The party left us before eleven.

I saw Sir John just before he left for 17 New Norfolk and got his consent to part with the 20000 £ at 4 1/2 each. They are all South American dollars and that is about the value of them. Still and I walked down to the Bathing House and took a warm bath. returned and got home early. Rose at 6 1/2. It was a very hot morning after 18 the clouds which had hung over the castle through the night cleared off. Still, Mary the eldest girl and Henry went to church. Elizabeth not being very well remained at home with Charles. I read one of Attorneys Summons. On the Turn of Conscience. We heard that Sidney Stephen had been struck off the rolls of the Court. The intol.

The weather must be beautiful.

Lequire was conveyed to him by the Prisoner Judge. who declared that the duty he performed was of so painful a nature that he would rather resign his situation than have to repeat it. I forgot to insert in its place that Col. Wilbraham private Secretary to Lord Stanley had written to some one announcing that some one Montagu was appointed Col. Secretary, at the Cape and that Lord Stanley had decided in a way that would be found agreeable to most of the parties concerned.

19 Saw the Red Flag up on going into Town. It proved to be the "Triton" with Male Prisoners from England 17<sup>th</sup> August. No news. Still dined on board the "Vindictive" as he was going to Port Arthur in the Schooner with Nicolas.

20. Went into Town early & breakfasted with the Sheriff. Saw Sir John. He told me the story of Lady Franklin's going to England. They certainly have been talking it over with Nicolas. but he shows an evident disin-

Squally weather.



invitation to take charge of the Lady. He made several objections - He should touch at Saliti and possibly come in collision with the French Frigate. He should probably go no further than Valparaiso. He should probably have the Bungs on board going to England with him (this was an unfortunate objection as it rested of course with Sir John whether those people went or not) &c. Still Sir John said Lady Franklin would go he thought, she required a change. Her father though a healthy man, was 85 years of age and he had said of his last letter that it would probably be out of his power ever to write again. She would have gone to Valparaiso and have crossed the Andes, and in this journey she hoped she might have had Still for her companion and escort. Upon that prospect she had dwelt with great pleasure and she would have been happy to have paid all expenses, considering her companion would have conferred a sufficient obligation without contin-

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buting in any degree to the money outlay. If she did not go in the "Indistinct" she would avail herself of some other opportunity & get to England across America. He asked me rather anxiously whether Still had determined upon going in the "Indistinct".

21 I forgot to mention in its place that Austey told me he was born 31 Dec. 1777 comes quarterly on 31 of this month he will have completed his 65<sup>th</sup> year. With Sir John looked over the penance despatches of 40 and 41. Afternoon again with A.C. saw some who had called unanimously upon Sir John to talk about the Court of Regency. If it depended upon some of his colleagues the act would never come into operation. They will not move a step without an official communication and it often happens that the question is not worth the trouble, it may be added that their advice of opinion are of no great value. Sir John asked me today and dined with him.

22 Cold comfortable, looking & feeling day with returns from Port Arthur - He has had a

Shows



very pleasant trip - The "Auriga" arrived Dec 4<sup>th</sup>  
I received a letter from Mr. Burnett he was 23  
coming out in the "Navarino" his letter was  
dated 20. August and he expected to sail  
in 10 days or a fortnight. He hoped I should  
do my best to keep the "Shriwalley" open for  
him in case he should not arrive on or  
before the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup>. I dined with Mrs. W. with  
Met Sir John Franklin, Sir John Kiddle,  
Major Mannering - Maclean, Henderson  
and Pagot. Walked home after changing  
my boots at the Office -

At home all day getting up a despatch for 24<sup>th</sup> Fine  
Lord Stanley Beautiful sunny weather.

At home working upon the despatch till 25<sup>th</sup> No  
4 Then walked up to the orphan schools  
to get some information from Mackay.

Kill in a chaise by himself and son 26<sup>th</sup>  
horseback started for New Norfolk about 10  
9 o'clock. George was to have been of the  
party but on returning from bathing he ran  
his head against one of the gates and received  
so severe a blow that his face was much

disfigured. Saw the first stone of the  
College covered over. Lunched at Gov<sup>t</sup> Cottage.  
got home by 8 1/2. Broke as far as the Black  
Snake and then got into Kili's chaise to  
N. Norfolk. I returned in it to the Black  
Snake and then rode my own horse home.

27. Expected four of the "Vindictives" to arrive  
with me but ~~two~~ only came - Morgan the  
Chaplain and a Mr. Jelliffe the Marine  
Officer - both intolerable bores.

28. At 2 1/2 we embarked in the "Vindictive"  
after having been introduced to Capt.  
Berard and some other Officers of the  
French Navy who had arrived the evening  
before on their way to New Zealand, where  
Berard remains as Governor. Nicolas  
and all his Officers in full dress were  
prepared to receive us. They then beat to  
quarters exercised the guns and fired  
the whole of one side for 10 times over, they  
were 32 pounders except for 10 - 68 p.  
They then fired at a Band moved 3 or  
4 hundred feet and then

A cold windy  
disagreeable day



it all to pieces with their C.P. powder. After  
 an Entertainment which was spread in the  
 Captain's Cabin they amused themselves with  
 shell practice throwing hollow balls from the  
 largest guns. The decks or rather the quarter  
 deck between the main & mizzen masts had been  
 covered above and around with flags and  
 then the music played and the sailors boys  
 danced and the captain and some others  
 skipped about also, some in time and some  
 out, and then we all came on shore. The ship  
 was illuminated at all her ports and looked  
 like a floating palace of some sea lord. Kept  
 as lively as any. Blue lights were burnt at  
 the fore and main and a salute fired. at every  
 discharge the masts and every rope all the  
 rigging to the minutest rope was for half a  
 second distinctly visible. The explosion  
 on the side nearest to us was intensely bright  
 dazzling almost to blinding. The illumina-  
 tion. Blue lights and parting salute were  
 by far the best of the performance.

Dined at Gov. House. Met Capt. B. B. 29

Trine

and several other Officers Lady and Sir  
 John Pedder &c &c Council

Trine 30. Dined at home quietly with skill.

do 31 Council 11 till 5 1/2. Dined at Gov. Ho.  
 Met Capt. B. B. and several other officers French and English.

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Jan 1. At home all day. Read the prayer and  
 Trine lessons.

do 2. Dined at Gov. House. Met Capt. B. B.  
 Premier Lieutenant Reynaud. Mons.  
 Barand the naturalists. In the first  
 and third were elected Members of our  
 Society and have no doubt they  
 made merry with the honor conferred  
 upon them, as soon as they left us. At  
 11 or a little after. Sir John Franklin  
 Quilow. Dr. Turnbull and myself  
 repaired to the Council Room and  
 swore in Turnbull as Sheriff for the  
 present year.

Trine 3. Council at 11 Swore in France the  
 new Treasurer as a member of Council.  
 Spoke to Alfred Stephens. by skill. &c  
 left us.



left me about 2 P.M. and embarked.  
I walked down to the Boat with him.  
The Frigate "The Hindustan" was then  
standing off and on and Bill thought  
it advisable to get on board. I rode with  
Fraser two or three miles down the Sandy  
bay road and had a fine view of the  
Frigate the whole time.

With the Lt. Gov<sup>r</sup> in the afternoon. He talked 4  
about Bill. Thought he would not be comfortable  
with Nicolas. Now I think his discomfort, if  
he should experience any, will come from  
the Sun Room. If their new Shipmate should  
get on better with the Capt<sup>t</sup> than themselves  
it will prove a source of jealousy and ill  
temper. The Frigate really off to Port Arthur.

I did not see Sir John the whole day. Sat 5  
on my horse soon after 4 and rode round the  
Domain for the purpose of calling upon Kay  
who had had a very severe attack of fever.  
He is getting round again but he is much  
pulled down.

With Sir John about the Immigration 6 do  
till 25.

Very beautiful  
warm sunny afternoon.

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case of Towns. Davis was with us but after  
discussing the matter for half an hour we  
discovered that we knew less than when we  
began. In this state of blissful ignorance we  
parted. A signal for a Barque with three  
chandises from England.

7 I was up before 6. Rode into Town. Saw  
the flag still up. Returned to Breakfast.  
On going into Town at 10 A.M. met Davis  
the Chaplain of Norfolk Plains. He has  
been waiting the arrival of the Tasmania  
with his wife on board there last Sat. Was  
riding up every week to Campbellton 80 m.  
to perform Divine Service at W. Bedford's  
Church while B. rode over to do duty at  
D's Church 30 miles. Davis returned again  
on the Monday and this sort of life he has  
been leading till this day. His wife is  
arrived safe and well. The Tasmania  
brought newspapers to the G. Capt<sup>t</sup>. Prison  
is to be released by Mr. Seymour. The  
fatal despatch has arrived. Nothing  
about the Col<sup>t</sup>. Sec<sup>y</sup> or Sir John's removal.



At Newtown Church in the morning. 8 January  
 having preached from 32<sup>nd</sup> Psalm  
 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord  
 imputeth "not iniquity" or "no sin."  
 Rode into town at 2 1/2. Saw Kaine  
 at the office - desired him to send off  
 the immigration papers (Towns' case)  
 to the Solicitor General the first thing  
 this morning. As I returned at  
 4 o'clock it came on to rain and  
 it continued to come down steadily  
 till 6 o'clock this morning. At home  
 all the morning writing finance 14 hours  
 despatches. but I am now obliged to  
 dress for a Gov. House dinner, where  
 I am to meet Sir James Dowling.  
 and then ride back about midnight  
 cold, tired and disgusted. Yet this  
 is termed, sometimes, enjoyment. The  
 necessity of attending the Gov. House  
 parties is a disagreeable adjunct to my  
 present temporary situation. Dined  
 at Gov. House. Met Sir James Dowling

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- Kaine, Pirrain, Fleming, Eysen, Power,  
 Kone, Major Victor, Fraser, South, &c.
12. At Council. Fraser took his seat for the  
 first time. Sum<sup>t</sup> till 3. from 1/-
11. Mr. Burnett arrived in the "Havanna"  
 He called at Gov. House immediately  
 upon landing. I was there and with  
 Sir John. I did not leave Kobarter for home  
 till 6 3/4. Heard of Richards' Appt. to High<sup>t</sup>.
13. Settled the Immigration question, deter-  
 mined upon not paying Towns. Saw  
 Kone upon the doubt raised by Turnbull  
 about his Warrant. That instrument  
 bearing the Great Seal of the Island instead  
 of the Gov.'s own Seal as provided in the  
 Charter of Justice annexed in the  
 Warrant itself. Kone said and wrote  
 his opinion that there was no Sheriff.  
 if the Warrant for his appt. was not  
 completed as prescribed in the <sup>Charter</sup> of  
 Justice.
- 14 The "Garden Grove" or "Earl Grey" with Male  
 prisoners from England in 100 days.



At home all the forenoon Mary and 15  
three children at Church. Charles'  
Birth-day he has completed his 3<sup>d</sup>  
Year.

Charles  
birthday

Good Friday to Sir Geo. Sedgwick. 14 Oct. 1841.

"It is with very sincere regret that at the  
commencement of my official correspondence  
with a gentleman whose zeal and ability in the  
discharge of his public duties have been generally  
so conspicuous, I am compelled to adopt to the  
full extent, the language of censure which Lord  
John Russell felt himself under the necessity of  
using, and to take steps which may appear  
to weaken your personal authority in the colony  
over which you preside." "But the dangers to  
the welfare of that Colony, arising out of the  
improvident course which you have allowed  
yourself to pursue, in disregard of positive  
instructions, are so serious and so imminent,  
as to supersede all other considerations, and to  
compel me to resort, as I am assured my Prede-  
cessor would have resorted to the most decided  
measures to avert or mitigate the impending evils."

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The Emigration Commission were also desired to report as far  
as the information in their possession would admit,  
whether it might be possible to reduce, within any  
definite limits, that species of emigration now  
of 80, to what extent that reduction could be  
made and in what manner it could most  
conveniently be effected." "This is the nearest  
calculation which it has been practicable to form  
because from the manner in which many of the  
Bounty orders appear to be given authorising  
the export of so many families it is impossible  
to estimate with precision the charge which  
may devolve in consequence on the Colonists' funds."  
Now I must draw your serious attention to  
the enclosed letter from the Treasury pointing  
out that so much of the threatened embarrass-  
ments as cannot be averted, the resources  
of the colony, and not those of this country,  
must be looked to for the means of extrica-  
tion." While in the meantime, I must direct  
your strictest attention to the instructions  
contained in this despatch, I assure you that  
I have written it with very sincere regret  
for the tone which I have been compelled to take.



and which had been forced upon me by my deep  
sense of the imminent dangers to which the credit  
of the Colony is exposed, and which seem to me  
to call upon her Majesty's Government for the most  
prompt and decisive steps to meet their progress.

The Gallant Grove arrived on some other ship. I  
bring the Despatch that I consider fatal  
to Sir John's character and Government. He  
however seems to have taken a different view  
of it and has since written a half querulous  
half explanatory letter to Lord Stanley instead  
of urging some one of his naval friends in  
England to tell his Lordship so. The  
Despatch is written in a most inconclusive  
style, insulting to a degree, becoming a  
Lord properly but beneath a Gentleman  
and if what is said before, that a copy of  
this despatch was transmitted to Montagu  
as the arbiter of Stale's decision in his case  
nothing but his Lordship's severity had been  
shown from old Blenheim can expiate the  
disgrace. Mais n'importe ce n'est pas la peine de s'en  
faire. Mais nous ne pouvons pas la peine de s'en faire.

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19. In consequence of Turnbull having  
discovered an irregularity in his command  
of appointment. Sent the Ch. Justice Atteney,  
Lumsden and Solicitor General at Gov. House  
discussing the necessity of some mode of  
introducing a Bill of indemnity not only  
for Turnbull's acts but for those of his  
predecessors in office whose appointments  
it seems contained the same defects.

20. Council met at 2. Marriage Act  
amendment bill.

21. At 4 the bill for indemnifying the Sheriff  
was laid upon the table. Read a first time.  
after suspending the Standing Orders  
read a second time, considered in Com-  
mittee. Report brought up and then adjourned  
till 10 at night. I dined at Gov. House  
saw Mr. Fraser, Kemode, and Ferguson. At  
10 resumed. Bill read a third time and  
passed. I walked home.

22. At home all day. Read prayers & lessons.

23. At Council till 5 1/2 adjourned till  
Wednesday

24. No Council.



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A heavy thunderstorm in the morning 25 January  
at the Council 1 till 5. Thunder

Council 2 till 5 1/2. Lang dined with 26. I  
me. He walked out but returned in a  
hack. At the Council 2 till 5 1/2 adj. 27 do  
till Monday. Writing at home till 28 do  
11 o'clock at which time I recd. a notice  
from the Executive Council at 11. The clock  
struck that hour as I received the note.  
I bundled up my papers. I put them into  
town by the mounted police man and  
then departed and followed as fast as I  
could. I arrived there at 1 1/2. The Council  
had been waiting. but nobody else and  
Sir John apologised for not being ready  
at the proper time. We were not detained  
above 20 minutes. At my office finishing  
my dispatch which I put into George's hands  
at 7 1/2 and though writing very fast and  
steadily. he did not complete his task  
till 7 1/2. At Newtown Church in the 29 do.  
morning. Afternoon rode up the valley  
beyond Lady Franklin's Ground. We

there it was cold and damp but bright  
and sunny at Newtown.

30. Very fine sunny morning but it became  
overcast at 7 threatening rain. At the Leg  
"Devent" Council from 2 till 3 1/2. he committed upon  
the Marriage Bill. Fenton was sent for in  
consequence of the atty. General's illness as  
without him or With we could not form a  
Council. I wrote to B. Alderson by "Devent".

31. Fenton arrived and the report was brought  
up. The bill read a third time and passed.  
George and I walked up to dine with Goring  
but it appeared he did not expect us and  
was just going to take his tea. <sup>Consolled with</sup>  
<sup>some club-boned</sup>  
<sup>thick villainous</sup>  
<sup>and warm common</sup>  
<sup>Chow</sup>

Feb 1. Received my salary which George took to  
George. The Commercial Bank. to be paid to my lady  
Austrey I wrote two sheets of post to G. Austrey to go by  
the "Adelaide". She was to sail in the evening  
the mail closed at four. The "Gloucester" out  
94 days from England. So she must have  
sailed on the 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of October.  
2. Sir John asked me to go down to Brown's  
River with him Lady Franklin. I went. It  
was a very sultry day. We left A. B. at the Station



and Lady Franklin Bagot and myself went Jan 43  
down the long steep hill to the River or rather  
creek. The new Church is falling to pieces.  
The Town ship however looks very much as  
before. We called upon the Freeman's Mr. J.  
said she was mending fast. I hope it is the  
case. I am afraid the poor thing has had more  
than her share of trouble since she left her  
English home. We got back at 7. Bagot &  
Capt. Jones the visiting Magistrate. With  
only they having to dine at the Barracks  
at 6 1/2. leaving me alone with the Gov. to  
inform the post of Aide. de. Camp. The whole  
business is the most extraordinary and best piece  
of Road making I have seen. To me it appears  
like Magic. You may drive a carriage and  
go over a Country where some years ago  
it was hardly possible to creep except on your  
knees and knees. Sir John told me that while  
he was hesitating in Gregory's case Foster  
brought him a letter from Montague then in  
England in which Mr. said that if Sir John  
did not sustain Gregory at once his days

February as a Governor were numbered. and I am very  
much afraid Sir John was weak enough  
and sorry and I to say it, mean enough  
to act upon that information. This was no  
doubt got up between Foster & Montague  
to decide Sir John in case he should <sup>be forced</sup> get  
wavering in Gregory's case. He said he had  
never told me before of this circumstance  
and I am sorry he did not keep me in  
ignorance of it altogether. The fact was  
he must have felt ashamed of such a  
scheme of action. Nothing could be more  
contemptible. It is impossible that I am  
ever again entertain any respect for him,  
not on this account exclusively, but it has  
been growing upon me for some months past.

3. I did not see Sir John this day.

4. Paid my acceptance in favor of Furtado  
for five shares in the Antioch Company. <sup>Antioch</sup>  
Very warm. Sultry weather.

5. At home all day. disagreeable windy  
warm weather. Cold in the evening.

6. The Sea Horse Steamer came in yesterday  
Mr. Woodhouse began letters to Mary Elizabeth.



She brought me two letters from Will  
the last date was the 21. Ult<sup>o</sup> and they  
were going to sail the next morning.  
Sir John returned from New Bedford  
about 3 1/2 and at that time I walked  
down to Gov. House with Burnett and  
swore him in as Sheriff for this year,  
before the St. Gov. Sir John detained me  
with his papers till 5 1/2.

Letters from  
Will.

I did not go to Gov. House the whole day  
I was at the Office however till past 5.  
Before breakfast walked over to Jordan's to look  
at some pigs. I did not like their appearance  
they were something of the Grey covered figures.  
but then they are very poor.

On reaching home found Mary very ill. So I  
sent off William for Mr. Bedford who in much  
less than an hour made his appearance. He partook  
of a miserable dinner and between 9 1/2 and 10  
a boy was born.

My dear Mary  
Love.

Rose came by Evening and told Mr. E. the news 10.  
Purchased a sow and half grown pig from  
Jordan for £5. 10. 0.

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February 11. I accompanied Sir John across the water to dine  
with Puri. <sup>Bay</sup> Puri and his wife were with  
us. Puri has brought a naturally poor farm  
into excellent cultivation. He values the lion  
he has already got in that is to say Wheat  
Barley and Hay at £1400. He has 170 acres  
in cultivation. Sir John landed me at 11 a  
little below the observatory. I had a pleasant  
walk home. Aubrey called upon me in  
the course of the morning. He had come  
down to see his daughter Mr. Doughty &  
her husband off for England. They went  
in the De Sancti Gal with Goldsmith for  
their Shipper.

12. At home all day. Very hot. Yet Fleming  
agreeably to his promise came out and  
spent the day with us. I really pitied him  
but as clothes I could have offered would  
have suited him, even if he would have  
accepted the loan.

Puri had 13. The rain was hardly sufficient to lay the  
very little. dust. George and I dined with Mr. Ewing.  
It was sultry to a degree and therefore was  
nothing cool or even approaching such a



temperature. The Sauterne, Medoc, Sherry, port  
Ale and Water, the latter dry also, as hot as  
if they had been purposely placed before the  
kitchen fire at the same time with the Goose.  
The rooms were as warm as the kitchen.

at the Ex. Council - 1 till 4. Petition sent 16. " For  
a bill for £200 this day the 16. Feb. 9.

Intown by 9 1/2. Sent Petition sent to the 17. For  
Colonial Bank with a note to Driscoll.

Ex. Council 11 till 2. Wrote to E. Loring to 18 Feb.  
go by the Mayflower.

At home all day sunny & breezy. Petitioner 19  
asked me to dine with him but I declined. For

At Gov. House till 6 1/2 with Atty Genl. & 21  
the Gov. all kinds of trawdles and nonsense. For  
I saw Lady Franklin for 20 minutes.

The Gov. Family, all but 1 of the 22  
and his brother, started for Lancaster Bay  
at 10 o'clock I had been with them from a) For  
little after nine.

Took a warm bath in the afternoon. Then 23  
on my way home called first on the Atty Genl.  
who was out riding and secondly on L. Padden.

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24. Very hot. The "Beagle" arrived finally day  
I wrote a few lines to Sir John and sent him  
a few papers. A thunder storm with a most  
refreshing shower. It was much heavier  
in the town than in the country.

Rain. 25. There had been some rain in the night  
but about 9 it came on in good earnest &  
continued for a couple of hours. <sup>at home all</sup> day.

26. At home all day. Late in the afternoon Mr. Kintish  
came out. Took a flap or two of Madeira and then  
went away.

27. At the office early. I did not call upon Stokes  
of the Beagle.

28. Walked down to the Battery with Lieut  
who introduced me to Stokes. He was taking  
a few sights with an artificial horizon.

I wrote to Sir John and sent up the monthly  
statements & other papers for his signature.

Stokes went off for Lancaster in the mail  
last of that night. Honor the Crowned Col.  
& Mr. Kintish the Surveyor dined with  
me. We had a pair of our own chickens  
the first we have killed, nice fine birds they  
were, considering their tender age.



Does not at the Office till near 12. That 1. Mr. the  
Surveyor called to talk about Lakem &  
detained me above half an hour all that  
he had to say might have been uttered  
in less than five minutes but he overloads  
his speeches with so many ill judged  
comptemintary parentheses that one  
can with difficulty find out what the  
man wants.

A long letter from Sir John made of it 3  
about Capt. Stokes and what the pleasure  
of the people's sentiments on his way to  
Launceston (he comes in plain clothes)  
towards Sir John and his Government  
as he contentiously calls it. Though for  
my life I cannot discover where or what  
it is. unless it consist in suspecting every  
body of treachery and disaffection, of refusing  
every thing that is asked and sometimes  
forgetting his promises. Of seeing nothing with  
his own eyes and shirking from every duty  
that requires activity upon cool decision.  
Called upon Miss Crauford and Mrs. Stokes.

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4. Uncomfortable with the Lumbago or  
Rheumatism or whatever it is. Heaviness  
and occasionally pain in the head  
pain & weakness of limbs. It must be a  
disordered stomach. At a sale of horses  
and vehicles by auction. Came home  
early. From 7½ till 8½ there was a  
most magnificent display of the Aurora  
Australis. It assumed a condensed  
permanent form and reached to an  
apparent <sup>height</sup> of over or three times that of  
Mount Wellington. from one point of  
which as seen from our garden it  
steamed upward, at an angle of 85°.  
Many and the children all saw it. It  
blew a gale of wind in the night.

5. Very uncomfortable. all the symptoms  
complained of yesterday continuing.  
At home all day & squally. Read the papers  
and left on the day. About 5 o'clock just as  
our dinner was placed upon the table that  
very tiresome fellow Kintoch called and  
detained us from the West beef till it was  
quite cold. He had nothing upon earth to



say but a superabundance of words to utter.  
The evening was cloudy and I could not  
see the Comet.

Came early from the Office - and then talking. 6  
Henry in my hand walked up to Keidon.

Called on Mrs. Jones who was out at the  
my house in attendance upon her sick infant.

Walked once Dobson's Road and approved of  
the progress ~~they~~ made in it - <sup>commenced a</sup> course of medicine?

A long letter from Sir John. Wrote him an  
equally long one in return. I did not reach

home till 6 1/2. Had a fine view of the comet  
from the time 7 1/4 <sup>the nucleus</sup> it was about 15 degrees

above the line of the mountains till it sunk  
behind them at 8 or a little after. The moon

3 days old was clear and at the same elevation  
as the comet. The light of the latter <sup>although strong</sup> was a cold  
Chalky, pale, misty, character when compared  
with that of the moon which acquired by  
comparison a warmer golden tone.

Cut my day stalk - Found some of it husky. & say  
The Horses are looking very thin upon oats  
alone -

March 9. Dined at Gov. House. met Capt. & Mrs. Stokes  
Price. & the Director of Public Works.

10. A long letter from Sir John. Gave him an  
almost equally long one in return -

11. Dined late into Town. George gone down  
The River

Beautiful 12 At home all day. Read Prayers & left.

Weather The sky was perfectly clear in the evening and  
the comet was seen of course in all its length  
but the moon shining bright relieved its  
splendour.

do 13 Was too much engaged all day to call  
upon Stokes and his wife at Gov. House.

Wrote to 14 A short letter from Sir John. Wrote him  
Mr. Harrison an answer. Took leave of Stokes & his wife?

about 15. The "Beagle" sailed. At home all day  
Bill wherd. that is to say I did not go into Town. The  
Lumbago very troublesome I could hardly  
crawl about.

16 The Lumbago I thought a little better.

do - I did not go to the Office but signed all  
the papers which I sent out at my desire.

17. At the Office. A very short letter from  
Sir John. Col. Elliott and Capt. Rice called



to make a complaint <sup>against</sup> the master of the  
Lady Franklin for his ill usage of Capt Rice  
and his Detachment on their way round from  
Laurerston &c. I told them that I could initiate  
no proceedings unless they made a formal  
written representation of the Master's conduct.  
I wrote to Sir John.

I rode into Town about 1 but did not remain 18  
above an hour and a half. I drank nothing  
but water with my dinner and certainly  
found myself the better for the change. I had  
no head ache through the evening and did not  
feel the usual drowsiness. The Comet was not  
visible. I walked two hours in the garden after  
dinner. Reading an article in the Edin. Review.  
At home all day. Read papers & papers.

At home all day. Lumbago troublesome . . . 19  
Paid Spode for Henry and Porter. 1/2 pgs. of . 20  
The former Date. A short letter from Sir John 21  
wrote him a long one in return.

In the afternoon. Took Henry to the races. 22  
He had lent his pony to Kinnean Swinerton  
who showing off all day upon the pretty  
little creature. Left the race course about

March 43 6 o'clock just after Young Swinerton had passed  
us at a gallop we admired the head and  
action of Henry's favorite and came away.  
On reaching the turning in the Rixdon road  
that leads down to our house Young Smith  
rode up and for the purpose of informing us  
that Swinerton had met with an accident  
and broke the pony's leg and he wanted to  
know what was to be done. I examined  
and sent William <sup>to the race course</sup> up with a gun and some  
ammunition to put the poor little creature  
out of its misery which he did. It appeared  
that the pony stumbled, while galloping  
round the corner after the race was over,  
recovered itself and after staggering a  
few paces fell down upon its face. I sent for  
the body the next morning and had it  
buried behind the gardeners' Cottage <sup>near the</sup> <sup>with me</sup>

23. Took Henry and Elizabeth to the course  
with William and Mary Ann and sent them  
to Dale's exhibition of tight rope, hand  
and body tumbling &c now called Acrobatic  
Exercises, the children were much pleased.  
24. A short letter from Sir John. He had only



just returned from Deloraine & Maitland Mar 43  
in time for the post. I wrote him an answer  
and told him besides about the robbery at  
Shannon by the Martin Cash party.

I went into town about one. Sent Abraham 25  
to buy me some tea at the Auction Comp.  
Sale. He brought me 16 1/4 Cloths of Myer  
Skin and two whole Cloths of common black  
the latter for the servants. Left early. My  
Complaint was so troublesome that I could  
hardly sit on horseback.

At home all day. Sumbago's were there. I  
could do nothing but broil about. Can  
called between five and six to take leave  
of Mary. I began the use of Brandy & salt  
for my back. Rec'd a despatch from Sir John.  
At home. Letter very troublesome. — 2<sup>nd</sup>

To the death of David ... 2989 years

To the birth of Christ ... 1015 "

To the present date ... 1842 "

Since the Creation ... 5846 "

Despatch from Sir John. Answered it. 28

Wrote to him for the "Tasmanian" told him 29  
of disbursement bill for £577. odd and that "Tasmanian"

nothing had been done. Enclosed 2<sup>nd</sup> of Feb.  
for £250. there was nothing more upon business.

30. Finished my letter to Hill and gave it to Carr.  
Shook hands with him Mr Carr and Fanny.  
They embarked but the vessel did not get  
away finally till late in the next day

31. The "Tasmanian" had not sailed when I walked  
into town. Commenced my duties as Auditor  
in addition to those of Lib. Secretary.

April. 1. Mary's birth day. Celebrated by a young party  
consisting of four Bells attended by their names  
and George Fletcher. I walked into town late

2. At home all day. Read prayer & Lessons and  
one of Atterbury's Sermons. Rec'd a despatch from Sir John

3. Walked in and out since the 25<sup>th</sup>

4. While at breakfast rec'd notice of a convict  
ship being in sight. It was a beautiful warm  
sunny morning. Anselme went down in the  
Boat with me beyond the Point but the

Ship proved to be the "North Star" with  
170 male prisoners from Dublin 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.  
Wrote to Sir John by the post. Cold in my head

5. Cold quite troublesome. Coughing half  
through the night. Milligan gave me a Liniment



for the back, began using it. Showery. Came home in a cab. George with me. Walked in. At home all day. Got through the Liniment. C. had been of service.

Short letter from Sir John and I did not write him a very long one in return. Purchased a Cart for £10. and ordered harness from McDonald £5 more. Walked in and out. do. do. & William brought home the Cart. Called at Govt. House. Saw Mr. Manslowe. Ordered some writing books and others for the children.

At home all day. Read prayers & papers and a sermon from Blair. Recd. a dispatch from Sir John of no importance.

At home. Raining the whole day more or less. Rain came out. Took a glass of old Madeira. Said that there was a signal up for a ship and that it was no doubt the John Renwick. Early in the morning a post came out from Manslowe. It was the J. Renwick. He had been aboard the evening before & proposed our going off at 1/4 before 10 to bring Bickens ashore. A cab was sent out by

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Leahurst but Manslowe was gone before I reached Govt. House. He left them on horse he made his appearance at my office bringing Bickens with him. The latter was a stout-built man, middle height, 40 years of age, steady and former cooking. We agreed to start the next day for Lauretton. So I hired a Carriage & pair of horses to take us as far as Mona Vale for which we were to pay 3 guineas per diem. I wrote to Sir John to acquaint him with our intended proceeding and then came home, with George, in a cab. 12 Accepted a bill for Coals at 3 p.m. £70 I think. Desired George to take the particulars. Wrote a note to Sir John Pender excusing myself from dining with him on Thursday the 13. and about 11 o'clock we started. The horses were not well matched and did their work with great difficulty. We did not reach Spring Hill till seven o'clock. There we dined and slept. I saw Major Cheape and the lower Solihull at Baginbun. I desired the latter to see Rain as soon as he arrived at M.S. and take his direction for preparing Bickens.

Mr. Bickens  
Arrived



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Commission which I had desired might  
be forwarded to me by the post of Friday so  
that the Governor, if so pleased, might sign  
it and present it to the new Secretary on  
Saturday. We walked on to the top of 13  
Spring Hill. The carriage was a long time  
outlasting us and then we learnt that our  
best horse of the two had galled his shoulder  
and in consequence refused to come to the  
collar. We went down hill through Lewis  
to the <sup>commencement of</sup> the Otland's side, where  
the horses came to a dead stop. So, it being  
useless to waste our time or temper there, we  
sent the coachman back to try if he could  
not borrow a horse at Lewis and in the  
mean <sup>time</sup> proceeded to on foot to Lemon Springs  
desiring the Coachman if he could not succeed  
at Lewis or any where else to send our luggage on  
by the Coach which was expected to pass on its way to  
Lawrence in two hours from that time. At  
Lemon Springs we waited an hour and a half  
when the coach arriving without our bags  
and parcels we walked over the hills to

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Austey Barton about two miles leaving word  
that the Carriage should follow us as soon as  
possible. Austey had dined and was telling  
his wife with a Mr. Reed, Junr. and his son  
Henry. She was much amused that our ar-  
rival had not happened an hour earlier and  
exclaimed in mock heroics "To think of this,  
these are two of the greatest men in the  
Colony come to visit me for the first time  
and I have nothing to give them but a  
mutton chop!" She made us very comfortable  
and welcome. Mr. Austey sat down to the  
Piano and Richards and myself spent some  
time in discussing most discordant music.  
14 It began to rain in the night and continued  
all the next day almost without inter-  
mission. We left Austey Barton about  
11 o'clock, after borrowing a horse, and  
made the best of our way to the High Road.  
We had not travelled a hundred yards  
before we saw an empty Carriage ap-  
proaching and found that it was from  
Wona Vale having been sent on by Mr. Tumble  
to meet us, as soon as he learned our situation



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from Gell the day before on his way to Kelt  
Kelt. We reached Moma Vale about  
five o'clock - having changed Carriages at  
Oatlands and sent our bird one back.

Kemodis is a large House, not unlike an  
Linn upon some well frequented road in  
England - He has a fine sheet of water  
The thing round the house ~~was~~  
brought there at a great expense and supplied  
from the Macgregor & Mackinnon Steamers.

Several magnificent Black swans were  
enjoying their swim in the lake and  
Teal and other wild fowl were rising in  
flocks from the water. He has, on one side  
of the House a conservatory 57 paces in  
length but as yet, it contains few plants  
and looks neglected. The effect of irrigation  
upon that spot was quite wonderful.

Meadows full of the richest grass and  
Clover 12 inches high while all the country  
round was a parched up desert. The  
rush of water about the grounds was a  
novel sound in this Country where there  
except in rainy seasons which are very

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case, there is no water to be met with.  
15. Kemodis brought us on the next day and  
accompanied us. The roads were very heavy  
but notwithstanding, we reached the Govt.  
Cottage about 5 o'clock. Sir John & Lady F.  
were very glad to see us. We dined there  
and found that Bagot had procured  
us very comfortable lodgings the same  
minded that the Justice Judge had occupied  
at the recent Criminal Session.  
16. Breakfasted and dined at Govt. Cottage  
at St. John's Church in the forenoon. I was  
afterwards engaged upon the papers that  
Hain had sent up and while the Royal  
Family were at Church in the evening  
I continued to write to Mary. but with  
such miserable pen and ink that I  
am doubtful if it be readable. <sup>Sir John's</sup> <sup>Letter to Mary</sup>  
17. Breakfasted at our Lodging. I wrote  
to Winifred. and put the letter in Mr. Henry  
bag. Called at Govt. Cottage. and then in  
company with Sir John & Lady F.  
Lumbland, Pickens & visited the Tallow  
Saw and Tread Mill. Dined at the Cottage.

③ The same year as my trip to Hong Kong  
and back in 1846  
Winifred  
Dear Mary, I have written to you  
about the same time as the above.



Met Col. Cumberland. Burton, Morison,  
Gunn, Kinnison, Maclean & the family.  
Applied Brandy & Salt. Walking Post back 10.  
Writing of this diary.

Called at Kinky's and made some enquiry ~~to~~  
about the means of getting Lusk's clothes to him.  
at Gov. Cottage for 2 hours in the afternoon  
looking over Despatches with Sir John & Pichens.  
Dined at Gov. Cottage. Met Pugh, B. T. Moore,  
Rev. Mr. Bickton, Messrs. Powlitt, Macintosh,  
Gunn, Irvine, Morison, Sinclair, Ashburner &c.  
Pichens went out to breakfast with Gunn 29.  
A beautiful warm sunny morning. Called  
at Col. Cumberland's, Messrs. Burton, Moore's,  
Pugh's and Major Wentworth's. Having  
attendance at Gov. Cottage all the day. Saw  
Kirkalls. I walked down to the Hebeina  
Hotel with him to look at a trace he had  
brought into town for that purpose. She belongs  
to a Mr. Collett the original fox owner of my  
pretty creature that I sold to Mundy. He  
wants fifty Guineas for her. Forty is quite  
as much as she is worth. So there is an end  
of that affair. Dined at Gov. House <sup>with Kinky, Kinky,  
Gill, Maclean, Kinky,  
Duff, Grant & Powlitt.</sup>

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April 20 Friend and Moore called, the latter while  
we were at breakfast. Yesterday after a long  
conversation with Lady ~~Franklin~~ she came  
to the determination of asking Pichens  
whether he had any reason to believe that  
a successor was appointed or about to be  
appointed to Sir John. She did make the  
enquiry and Pichens told her that he  
had no doubt about it. When I saw her  
at the dinner table she told me that she  
had not then acquainted Sir John with  
the information procured from B. but that  
she should do so before this morning.  
Called upon Moore. He told me of the hard  
unfeeling arrogant treatment he met with  
from Pichens. He could not resist it without  
risking the loss of his situation and nobody  
here sympathized with him whom I sympathize  
could assist avail. He burst into a paroxysm  
of grief and indignation and wept and sobbed  
like a child. At Government House for an  
hour or two, looking over papers that  
ought to have been disposed of six weeks  
ago. Spelt a parcel about the chest and



a weight on the eyes I caused myself from  
dining at the Cottage and took a cold dinner  
at my lodgings. Invited Mr. James who I  
understood had dined early to come in and  
take a glass of wine with me. He got up at 10  
and then went away. Dickens came home  
early and addressed a bunch of questions  
to James upon subtle points that had never  
before entered the under theodolite mind.  
While we were at breakfast I came out to 21  
and appeared to have set in for the  
day. I was fortunate in not going to Geo.  
Town yesterday. At home. Dickens is gone  
down to the College. I remained at home the  
whole day. Dickens joined me at dinner.  
At the College. Had some conversation with 22.  
Lady Franklin. She gave me letters from  
Sir John Ainslie - Bishop of Landaff, Mr. Sabini  
D. Richardson and her sister. I heard all the  
family went off between 2 and 3 to visit a  
Mr. Sinclair at Lonsdale. Dickens accompanied  
them. I declined being of the party. Called upon  
Mr. Ambler. He promised to forward supplies

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things to him by the first opportunity. Walked  
upon the Hill at the Back of the Town for an  
hour and returned to him by my father's  
Read all through the evening.

Apr 23. Read the letter Lady Franklin had put  
into my hand for that purpose yesterday.  
A fine sunny breezy morning. At home  
till 1 then walked over to the Cataract and  
amused myself with the scenery for two hours.  
Made two Memorandums of the Rocks on the  
Sides of the Rapids for Cataract it is not. In  
the morning I made a Sketch of the Town  
from Mr. Buchanan's Chamber window. Dickens  
returned about 6 o'clock and after dining  
together we walked down to the Govt. Cottage  
and got there just as the Servants had been  
summoned for family prayers. We joined  
in prayer with them and soon after took  
our leave. Settled with Mr. Taylor for Board.  
24 I was stirring at 4 1/2 Got all ready and  
then waited for the promised summons  
amusing ourselves in the mean time with  
our ordinary breakfast fare such as Eggs &c



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Cold roast fowl. Coffee, Tea, Toast &c. It was a cold, frosty, but fine morning and after waiting for one passenger and another we finally started at about 1/2 past 12. The coach stopped to breakfast a few miles on this side of Pettit <sup>but</sup> ~~and~~ I having made a tolerable meal before we left Lancaster; walked on and had got over 3 or 4 miles before I was overtaken. There were several young men outside the coach on their way to Oatland Marsh which were to come off on the following day. Mr. Hewitt and a member of Dunbar's firm were our other inside passengers. There were tempted by the sunshine to mount the top of the coach and their places were much more agreeably occupied with a J. Kilgour and a young man formerly an officer of the 67<sup>th</sup>. In the course of the day the weather changed further worse and it blew heavily at intervals with <sup>great</sup> ~~light~~ showers. Before we ~~got~~ <sup>reached</sup> Oatlands, the end of that day's ride, every one of us was heavily sick of the journey. I

convenient to get some hot water and so refreshed myself by taking off my head before dinner. We dined with the Porting Youth who were joined by Messrs. Carey & Scott. Our party consisted then of three two young officers of the 51<sup>st</sup>. "Mr. Home late of the 7<sup>th</sup>." or Mr. Wilson of the 96<sup>th</sup>. Capt. Permain, Mr. Day, the Ale & Porter man of Dunbar's house, Mr. Pichens & myself.

25. The night had been stormy but the weather had improved by the time we started. We made an excellent breakfast at Spring Hill and after a much pleasanter day than we had spent before I left Mr. Pichens at the turning to Newtown where William was in waiting for me. Found them all well at Belle Vue and the children improved in their appearance.

26. I did not go very early into Town nor did I see Pichens that day. Resumed my duties in the audit Office.

27. Dined with Sir John Pechell when I met Pichens who was going to pay the



night there. I saw Richards. The 28 Apr 43  
Govt and party went to leave Lann.  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> for Mr. Sinclair at Grandale.  
and he here on Wednesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May.  
Hain and Fletcher dined with us. 2 May  
at home till 2 o'clock then mounted - 3.  
my horse and rode out to Tolosa. Saw  
Kull and his wife. Went with him to taste  
the water of a Chalybeate Spring a little  
way from his house. It was flavoured with  
Lion but I observed no other peculiarity -  
As I approached the main coast on my  
return the Govt. House party passed the  
end of the Lane -  
I called at Govt. House and left a card 4  
for Sir John.

I recd a note from the L. Govt. expressing 5  
regret at having been engaged when I called  
the day before and desiring me to come & <sup>Rain</sup>  
dine with them that evening. Only Richards  
and his own family. I called upon the  
L. Govt. declined dining with him that day  
but promised for Monday next 8<sup>th</sup>. He is

now much disturbed with a report that  
there is a manuscript book in the Colony  
containing the whole of Montagu's case as  
he puts it and all the conversations that  
took place between him and Sir John.  
including a long letter from the Rev. Mr. Bay  
to Montagu saying many things that  
must now go on his ear as he of course  
never expected this communication  
would come back to the Colony. Friends  
or foes, they are all sworn up, to suit  
Montagu's pleasure or convenience, with  
<sup>Sir John</sup> a reckless note that that I know no other  
man capable of. Swabs in and out  
of town every day. Dined with the  
6. Attorney General. Met Sir John Pedder,  
Richards, Fraser, Bennett, Horne,  
W. Kay. Hain, Seymour, Bouslow and  
Power. Got away about 11 1/2.  
Rain. 7. Raining morning. At home till time  
to dress for Sir John Pedder at 6. Rose  
to Newlands. Richards only of the Party left  
before 11. B gave us rather a graphic acct  
of his interview with the L. Govt. when, in



his capacity of Secretary to the Linnean Society  
he followed their Vice President Earl Derby  
with their Book under his arm, into the presence  
of Majesty. The object was to obtain William's  
signature to the Book and a device had been,  
after several meetings of the Committee, hit  
upon, to surround the space left for the  
Royal Autograph. It had been first suggested  
that the heads and stems of ships with a spruce being  
of anchors Capstans <sup>Calivers</sup> ~~and~~ would probably  
be gratifying to their Royal Patron but this  
after a little consideration was deemed so out  
of place in a book dedicated to the immortal  
rival science of Botany, that it was dismissed  
and after further discussion it was deemed  
more appropriate to adopt branches of the  
trees for which Great Britain and her Colonies  
were celebrated and twine them into a wreath  
to enclose the allotted space. While they were  
waiting. The King was engaged with the Prussian or  
Austrian Ambassador and from the time they  
were together it was supposed they were discussing  
upon more amusing <sup>and less serious</sup> subjects than the fate of Nations

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In the mean time several persons presented them-  
selves and were received very civilly by Sir Robert  
Fryer. One man brought a picture that he was  
ambitious should be shown to his Majesty, a  
second, a mechanical invention illustrated with  
a beautiful model that the inventor was desirous  
should be submitted to the notice of the Sovereign  
a third solicited the honor of putting up the  
Royal Arms <sup>over his shop door</sup> and styling himself "a candle  
manufacturer to His Majesty" in consequence of  
one of the <sup>Royal</sup> ~~Regency's~~ having gone to the <sup>apothecary</sup> ~~chemist's~~ shop  
in a mistake, for a pound of Candles &c. &c. They  
all seemed perfectly satisfied with the result  
of their visit to the palace. The painter had the  
pleasure of seeing the chief ~~deviser~~ of his art taken  
out by a page and in a few minutes returned  
to him with the most gratifying intelligence  
that His Majesty had <sup>examined</sup> ~~considered~~ the picture  
with great attention and pleasure and spoke  
in high terms of the artist's talents. The Mechanic  
was made happy by hearing that the King had  
examined the model and looked carefully  
over the explanatory remarks. After which the



Majesty had spoken in terms of approbation  
of the inventor's ingenuity and <sup>heightened</sup> emphasized the  
possibility of the invention becoming a great  
national object - The tradesman made his  
best bow on walking off with the proud  
announcement that His King had been  
graciously pleased to grant him the Honor  
Sought for - The Duke of Cumberland walked  
<sup>into the Dining Room</sup> and after standing at Richmond for a  
moment enquired of Mr Robert Taylor who  
the person was with a book before him and on  
being told that it was the Secretary of the  
Linen Society - Oh Oh replied the Royal  
Duke, Secretary to the Linen Society - from  
Glasgow I suppose - One of the young Princess  
also, bounded into the ~~Dining~~ room from the  
Garden following her troop - She stopped a  
moment upon seeing strangers - Dropped her  
cap and then springing forward "in chase of the  
Rolling Curls' speed" and was out of sight in  
a second - At last the awful tidings were an-  
nounced that His Majesty was at leisure to  
receive the deputation and in marched the

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venerable Earl closely followed by the Sec-  
etary - The business being explained the richly  
decorated Willum was spread before the  
King and the Royal hand directed to the  
spot <sup>within the mystic wreath the same</sup> place <sup>where</sup> selected for <sup>and concentrated</sup> <sup>a mark had been</sup>  
that was to give the Society one more claim  
upon the <sup>expect of bounty and</sup> additional turth to its present  
existence

It appeared that the good taste which had  
been displayed in the elegant and appropriate  
device would have been overlooked by  
the King if the Earl of Derby had not  
humbly drawn His Majesty's attention  
to the subject. Upon enquiring what it  
signified His Lordship explained that  
it represented the branches of ~~all~~ the  
most rare or important trees found  
in His Majesty's dominions - Of course  
observed the King <sup>as if he had previously been aware</sup> and it occurred <sup>certainly</sup> to the  
worthy Secretary <sup>after the business was over</sup> that no other observation  
than "Of course" escaped His ~~High~~ Royal  
Lip, during the whole interview -  
9. Dined at Govt. House code house in evening

I could not be more  
kind than to be so  
with him



Sir John Franklin sent for me - called and 12  
gossiping with him for an hour. then took  
Mary home with me from Mrs. Bell's where she  
had been visiting.

Dined at Powers. Met Forbes at Mr. Lee 11  
John Pedder at Mr. Dickens, Bennett, Remondy,  
& Seymour.

Dined at Govt. House. Of the party were S. Mann 13  
Birkens. Mont. Brand, Gell, Currier, Gunn  
& Miss Buckland and Miss. Kayser & Belvie,  
Rode home.

At home till 3. Then walked up to Newtown 14  
Church but was too late. the service commenced  
at 3 instead of half past 2 as I imagined.

Called upon Peason who has been ill for 10 or 12 16  
days. He was better. Swanton's party. George  
went out till about 3 A.M. I did not feel  
at all inclined and remained at home.

Invitation to dine at Govt. House. Saw Zagob and 17  
explained to him the reason of my being unable to  
dine there.

Called upon Sir John and sat half an hour with him 19  
My business was a gossip. Called at Newlands 20

The family was out. Called and left a card at  
Swanton's - Also left a card for Lady Franklin.

21. At home all day - better morning made a sketch  
of the mountain and country below. from a range  
of the grounds. Read prayers in the afternoon.  
Mr. Kayser dined with us.

23 Sir John and Lady Pedder, Mr. Birkens,  
Bennett and Mr. Fox & family dined with us. we  
had a pleasant evening.

24 The Queen's Birth day. Walked into town with  
George. At the river at 2. Afterwards walked  
round by Govt. Garden. Saw Lady Franklin & family  
strolled about with them for an hour. and then  
they brought me home in their carriage. Remondy  
Lieut. Kay and Dayman dined with us. The  
first hansom drove me into town in what he called  
his curicle. It was but a poor apology for that  
description of vehicle. William called for me  
at 1/2 and George and I came home.

26. At Govt. House. Sir John showed me a letter that he  
had written for Swanton. calling upon him to  
show him the Book that he understood had  
been widely circulated by his instrumentality.



This was the Book Montague had sent out to  
Forster by the hands of Dickens with directions that  
as soon as Forster had read it, he was to forward  
it to Swaustown.

At home early - Lady Addison and Fraser called 27  
but I did not see either. Left a card at Gov. Hs.  
At home in the morning. Made a sketch from the  
Lawn in front of the house of Mt. Dieston & the  
River. Afternoon at Church sat in our new pew for  
the first time; the carpet and cushions were not then laid down.

Saw Mr. Sangster and immediately walked down 29  
to Gov. House to ask the Gov. for a Clerkship, in H.  
that I understood had just fallen vacant in the  
Road's Office. but my application was too late. The  
place had been already promised. Sir John capricious  
his request but assured me that Haynes should  
have the offer of the first vacancy that might occur.  
Recd. a cheque from Henry on Lillian's account. Fraser 30  
and Cairnsworth called.

Drawing till 1. Then walked into Town after 3/4 Rain  
Shower. Paid Murray a year's subscription to his 2 hours  
abominable paper the Review.

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Rain. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Miss Fletcher and  
Fraser dined with us.  
2. Wrote to Hill by the "Insomnia" sent him the  
2<sup>d</sup> of Exchange for £250 which I had omitted  
on the former occasion. Told him that Lord's  
Acceptance had been paid. Of the arrival of  
Dickens, our progress up the Country and  
particularly our beating up Andrey's quarters  
of Miss Lawrence's marriage with Milligan  
and the Widow Lawrence's intended union  
with his brother J. S. Kill. Of Haynes having  
given up his situation &c. &c.  
3. At Gov. House to celebrate Miss Franklin's  
Birthday. She entered her 20<sup>th</sup> year that day.  
The party consisted of the Kays, Gell, Milligan  
and his wife, Cairnsworth, Dickens, Howland  
Cracroft, Pagot, Leicester the Kops, Franklin  
Cracroft, Williams on and Kayter, Sir John and  
Lady Franklin. A dinner party. Came home in  
a stage at 11/2. a cold dreary night.  
4. At home all day. Read prayers and a sermon  
of Hairs. Drawing and walking. What's on my  
5. Enclosed £10 to Mrs. Woodthorpe. being 1/4



Spent for her attendance upon the Children to  
7. 11/10

Received a note from Hayes to dine at Gov. House 6  
the following day. I dined there, with the usual  
members of the Society. viz. Ewing, Bell, Richards  
Kenslowe, Middlejain & wife, Knapp, Payton, Ferguson  
Fraser the Rays & F. Swallow house. Heard a paper  
read upon the anatomy of the poison fangs of  
snakes of this country. Bell's impediment in his  
speech gets worse and worse. Anxious they would  
make some experiments upon the poison of those  
Reptiles. The nature, effect and cure of the bite  
is at present almost a sealed book and yet these  
circumstances are the most interesting to all of  
us who occasionally plow through the woods.  
Sent Hayes a cheque for £5 he promising to return it  
the next day which he did not do.

10. At the office late and left by a little after four 10  
At home all day. Read prayers and Lyons's prayer 11  
and three of the Children went to church.

In town early. Fine weather. Saw Richards gave 12  
him a few notes upon Ewing's prefatory letter  
upon the Statistical Returns which he had been  
arranging.

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Ploughing the inner  
paddock.

13 Saw Fraser. He talked about Montagu and the  
letter Sir John requested him to write confirmatory  
of a memorandum Sir E. had made of a conver-  
sation that took place between them in which  
Fraser had told him that Lillie said, speaking  
of the Manuscript Book that it was "pernicious".  
Fraser did not and does not like the job, but he  
could not avoid without giving great offence  
to Sir John. Ploughing the inner paddock but  
the ground was so stiff that it was little better  
than passing the犁.

14. Went to see Sir M. O'Connell's apt. as Commander  
of the Forces at Sydney. Sir M. had large property  
in land about that place and which from the satiation  
increased in its value it became desirable to look  
after. Through the intervention of his relative  
Dan the necessity of such an appointment was  
made apparent and Sir Maurice was accordingly  
by selection as the most proper officer to hold it.  
15. In town by 10 1/2. The Lt. Gov. sent O'Boyle to say  
he would like to speak to me. So went down  
to Gov. House and sat an hour with A. Earl.  
He told me of his letter to Forster about Montagu's



Book of Gregson's interview with Lillie when  
 the latter pretended he had forgotten what he had  
 formerly told the former about the pernicious  
 tendency of that production. However, I fixed it  
 upon him so strongly that he could hold out no  
 longer and accordingly admitted the truth.  
 He told me also that he should write to me to say  
 whether during my being in Office Lady Franklin  
 had interfered in the Govt either in my office or  
 that of Auditor St. Sir John Peddie being announ-  
 ced I had an opportunity of making my escape  
 which I did not fail to take advantage of. I gave  
 the auction Company a Cheque for the book  
 and Glob. I purchased there a few weeks back.  
 George came in to town to hear Lillie's lecture  
 at the Mechanics' Institute. I had been invited  
 to attend to Messrs Sir John & his party in my  
 capacity of Vice President but I declined the  
 honor. In the course of the afternoon I received 16  
 the promised letter from Sir John but did not  
 answer it that evening as I was on the point  
 of leaving the office when the note was placed  
 upon the table.

I covered 2 1/2 bus of barley and 1 1/2 bus of perennials  
 the first in the whole part of the nursery and  
 3 bushels of black in the lower part.

June 43 1/2 - Ground called and returned the first round  
 he borrowed last Saturday. I walked out to  
 Newtown after office and into Town again to  
 drop for dinner at the Mifs. A large party  
 assembled in commemoration of the Battle of  
 Waterloo which happened chiefly on the 18th  
 1815 while I was on my passage home from  
 Lisbon. The strangers at the Mifs were Sir John  
 Kenilworth, Craicott, Maclean, Dr. Clarke, James  
 Scott and Dayman and Kay, of the observatory,  
 Gregson, Miller, formerly of the 40th, Seymore,  
 Fraser, Bishens & young Dunn. Altogether  
 about 38. I left with the Lt. Govt about 11 and  
 found George waiting with a cab at the office  
 into which however he could not get admittance  
 after waiting for 20 minutes. I made them hear  
 after a peal or two and immediately perceived  
 the cause of George's labour in vain. Graham had  
 been keeping the day and was certainly better  
 for liquor. He avoird been here. He told us that he  
 did like a soldier. He had been one himself and  
 had two or three old friends down below assist-  
 ing him in relieving the Kew bottle of its contents.



Any money sums available for the purpose of  
 drunkennes for Graham said he lost his father  
 who was killed at Waterloo and had a brother  
 who was saddled with thirteen balls but escaped  
 with life. We reached home about 12 1/4 The dinner  
 who I suppose loved a Soldier too, was so  
 overcome with the strong potatoes he had  
 indulged in, that he could with great difficulty  
 keep his seat upon the box - answer! In John's letter  
 at home all day. Fletcher came over and walked 18  
 about the garden and grounds for an hour. He is  
 full of Laidley's case and cannot make up his  
 mind as to what he ought to do. Read prayers &  
 the Lessons of the day. Mary the three children,  
 George and Edward went to Church in the  
 morning. Saw Fraser. he quitted the ship soon 19  
 after us but left a good party there enjoying  
 themselves. Shave Louisa for the soap supplied  
 two or three months ago 14/6. and sent Bursford  
 a cheque for 40 bus of Wheat at 4/4 bush 5 s. 10. 4  
 This will probably be a supply for us till after the  
 next harvest. Two years ago the same quantity  
 would have cost us Sixty Pence!!

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June 20. Finished a Report upon Robert's claim  
 to remuneration for services rendered by him  
 to the Colonial Government as a member of  
 the Committee for compensating Distillers  
 and Rectifiers - I sent it by Palmer's messenger  
 who called a little after 3 o'clock. Walked  
 home through the Gov. Domain. Purchased  
 a small case of coloured chalks by way of  
 experiment they may be useful. Procured  
 some potatoes of a particularly fine kind for  
 seed - Some of Fultons prolific Wheat and  
 some Canada Seed and Dwarf Prussian blue  
 Williams came in with the cart and carried out  
 half the Wheat 20 bus I bought of Bursford  
 yesterday.

1 bush pot.  
 1 bush Wheat  
 3 sh. Peas  
 302 Cans.

21. Walked home over the hills of the Domain. It  
 was a mild sunny afternoon and the view  
 from the height looking over Newbown was  
 more beautiful than I had ever before seen it.  
 I looked down upon my own residence and  
 could see my children nay hear their glad  
 voices as they pursued their mimic games  
 through the walks of the garden. The sun was

View of the Valley  
 of the Domain



Sinking fast behind a lofty hill upon my left  
 throwing golden gleams upon the green ridges of  
 the cultivated grounds that were already deep  
 in the mantle of spring, even upon the precipitous  
 slopes of rock and wood covered wilds that bound  
 the opposite side of the river. before and beyond  
 the tongue of land that forms the low Domain  
 the placid water <sup>deep below</sup> lay without a ripple upon its  
 surface. the course of the stream was traced for  
 miles here and there showing its cool silver face  
 as it made its <sup>toruous</sup> way among the island. looking  
 shores till it was lost in the blue conical hills  
 that with their tender outline terminated the view.  
 A fine mass of shadow lay beneath the sunny  
 sky broken here and there <sup>by</sup> the cold green  
 fields from which the light of day was fast receding.  
 and the thin blue vapour that crept lazily up from  
 between the trees. muffled here, the mansion of  
 the sick. Parker who holds primary dominion  
 over a moiety of the Island, and there, the splendid  
 asylum which a humane and wise Government  
 had erected for the young and destitute of the  
 A few years since. The Sun went down as gloriously

the waters were as placid and silvery. the air  
 as soft and balmy. Mountains and Valleys  
 were in the positions they now occupy. but  
 the foot of ~~an~~ civilized man had never <sup>before</sup> ~~before~~  
 the gloomy interminable forest. Nature  
 had then apparently been lavish of her  
 treasures in vain. the Kangaroo the Emu  
 and the opossum <sup>perhaps</sup> afforded ~~only~~ a precarious  
 subsistence to the native children of  
 the woods. but if there was less happiness  
 according to our notions of its constitution  
 there was no doubt infinitely less misery.  
 I met Major Anis worth and his ambula.  
 toy friend Gibbs taking their usual evening  
 22. Signals up for three Prigs. One from Euphor  
 with knuckledigs. Another from S. Aust  
 and the third was known nothing about.  
 Sir John sent for me. We talked about the  
 Revenue the Estimates &c. He seems to think  
 that I shall propose all these things to the  
 Legislative Council. We also had the old  
 story. Montagu's book, Swanton, Hillier, J. Young  
 Rowlands, Sall &c. but his principal object



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was to get me to furnish him with reasons for his declining to comply his contract with Swanton and Cheyue. The question of compensation at being his intention to bring before the Council on Saturday. He suggested that I would furnish the information in writing tomorrow that he might pursue himself in time. I promised him that I would.

I wrote four or five reasons for Sir John to give to the Council for stopping the water works contract. As the question of compensation is to come on tomorrow. I put the paper in my pocket and walked down to Gov. House. Sir John was disengaged and sat nearly an hour with him. As usual he was serious, energetic, and profuse in his indignation. He was against Montague, Swanton and all those who had read the book. He was particularly wrathful against John Kerr who had read the book & would not tell him the contents. He had written to John Kerr and before the evening telegram arose an answer he called to ascertain whether Sir John would insist upon having one. He said it pleased him in a very embarrassing

position as Swanton was an especial friend of his. Sir John asked whether his embarrassing position was not also to be considered. Whether his feelings were to be outraged in every possible way and those of all other people to be calculated with the question of tenderness and lastly insisted upon having ~~the~~ written and wrote his letter.

24. Called and left about at the breakfast room of the 84. Saw Pease. They had been in Council from 11 till 3. It was one of the coldest days that was ever experienced. I strolled leisurely home by 4.

25. At home. Look Charles, while his mother and brothers and sisters were at Church, to the extremity of the Gov. Farm. No ship in sight. It then came over and strolled about with me till past one. He left a letter to Maclean that he was about to write for me to read over and correct.

Read Prayers & Hymns and drew a little. 26. Rainy morning. I got nearly wet through in attempting to walk into Iron. When I returned and remained at home the end of the day.



At home all day raining heavily. I did 27 June  
 not attempt to go into Town. Received a Heavy  
 Cheque on Larkin's Account from Henry for Rain  
 £12. Drawing & putting my notes in  
 order. Walked into Town through the Rain 28  
 A littleTorrent was running close to Beltsfune do  
 from one end of the farm to the other. Had some  
 difficulty in getting out of my own field as the  
 water had collected close to the garden and had  
 only just then commenced making its way  
 through the garden to the water hole. paid  
 my Receipts for 6 Chicks of Pea. £24. 16  
 It scarcely ceased raining all day and night  
 when I left the water hole in the garden was  
 overflowing. Edward died here. George  
 completed his 24<sup>th</sup> Year. I saw Fearne he did not  
 know what advice to give the Gov<sup>t</sup> respecting  
 the Waterworks Contract. He said Turnbull  
 would admit of no palliation. The Gov<sup>t</sup> was  
 pledged and if the completion of the Contract  
 was within the scope of possibility it ought  
 to be effected. I don't think Turnbull has any  
 feeling for Swansdon of a favorable cast but

Chapman is a Countryman and the Scotch  
 prejudice no doubt has its weight. The Dr.  
 either is or affects to be a highly conscientious  
 man and would not do any thing himself  
 or allow the Gov<sup>t</sup> to do any thing of doubtful  
 character. I must be remembered however  
 that if he did not take an active part in  
 the conspiracy by which Mr. Bennett was  
 put out of his Office and Montague put into  
 it, he silently acquiesced in the injustice  
 committed, and contributed to remove  
 any conscientious scruples he might  
 otherwise have entertained with the hope  
 he ~~might~~ cherished of Col. Arthur's favor.  
 Indeed I cannot bring to my recollection  
 any instance when the Dr. allowed his  
 morality to stand in the way of his interest.  
 Col. Arthur knew him well or he would not  
 have selected him to do his bidding and to  
 thrive as he did upon every important  
 occasion, there is perhaps more in hypocrisy  
 as well as in other descriptions of knavery  
 Hypocrites have an almost insatiable



presumption of each others presence as well  
 mysterious but as strong as the <sup>entire</sup> same some  
 have of a cat being in the room. Fraser  
 seemed to incline to adopt Turnbull's  
 childish notions and went up to consult  
 Perkins about it. He returned however  
 soon after with a different view of the case  
 but I had taken the same line of argument  
 that I had done - I walked home, but  
 it was an exercise that ought properly to  
 have been taken in mud patters.  
 Raining all through the night and 29 hours  
 after a few minutes cessation between  
 11 and 12 o'clock it set in again as  
 steady and copious as before. The water  
 has spread over a great part of the field  
 near the garden pond. all the hollow part  
 is now knee deep and if it covers much  
 more my crop of oats will be spoiled. <sup>at home</sup>  
 + Henry Aubrey called. He had been here  
 some days and intended to return to  
 Aubrey Barton on Friday next (30th).  
 The weather clearing off. I walked into and out 30

Rain night  
 and day.

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- of Town. I saw Fraser. He had been with the  
 Governor talking about the Work. He found out  
 for me. I sat an hour with him till 4 1/2. The Book.  
 Preliminary Finance Committee P. P. Secretary.
- July 1. Walked into Town and out again. Reached home  
 Fine at 4 1/2. Barnes called about his Report which I  
 had sent back to him with a recommendation  
 to make the necessary change in the person and  
 sign it himself as I would do with mine.
2. At home all day. Very fine particularly in the  
 do. afternoon. Read prayers and letters of the day.
- Cloudy 3. Received my Salary and sent it to the  
 little rain. Colonial Bank. Foster called between 12  
 and 1 and sat 20 min. with me. The Book.  
 Evening played Backgammon with George  
 and afterwards looking over Finagle's Patent  
 Technique.
4. Received a letter from H. Davis on about Bill's  
 Rain. affairs. Accepted the invitation for Gov. to  
 tomorrow. It rained all the way home. I  
 came by the High Road. <sup>Rec'd a letter from</sup> Hills. <sup>Feb 12 1843</sup>
5. Threatening Rain all day. Rained all night  
 overtook or rather met Quinworth & Gibbs.
- Rain. 6. Rain at intervals.



came on some distance with me after I had  
 had turned back, and took that opportunity of  
 explaining to me what a very extensive man his  
 companion was - that he would not have to meet  
 even an acquaintance and would go half a mile  
 out of his way rather than do so. He was denied at  
 the mess but was allowed to absent himself by the  
 special permission of the Colonel. Indeed Gibbs had  
 told his commanding officer that if he was to  
 be compelled to attend the mess, he would send  
 in his papers at once and sell out. Bedford called  
 in the morning, and told me that the evening before  
 he had sent in his resignation as a member of the  
 Society and at the same time declined dining  
 at Gov. House on that day agreeably to his invitation.  
 These steps were taken in consequence of a note he  
 had received from Gell, the Secretary, saying that  
 the Gov. did not wish the discussion upon Turnbull's  
 note to be resumed again, as H. E. thought the subject  
 was an unfit one for a Dining Room. Fletcher  
 had called and was with me at the time Bedford  
 sent in his name. I came by dinner of Madison to  
 show me a letter Mr. had written to the Secretary

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upon Lindley's misconduct. I said Madison  
 would be much obliged to me to look it over  
 and suggest any alteration or addition -  
 that I thought would give effect to his repre-  
 sentation. With Sir John from 2 till 4 1/2  
 talking over with Picheno Turnbull the  
 wording of a Council Minute about to be  
 sent to the Col. Secretary respecting the  
 water works, contract with Swanston  
 and Cheyne - Picheno said he was going  
 to dine with Forbes.

Rain  
 incessant  
 through the  
 day -

The papers  
 running over &  
 the lower part  
 of the paper between  
 the 13th & 14th

Rain 7 - Rode into Town. Someone sent for me  
 to attend a meeting of the Society to consider  
 Turnbull's note Bedford's resignation &c. at  
 Gov. House and to which I had been previous-  
 ly invited by a note from Gell. I declined  
 going saying that I had business in  
 hand which admitted of no delay. Rode  
 home in the rain.

Rain 8 - Rode in and out of Town. Raining but at  
 intervals. At a Board for considering the  
 Rev. and Expens. &c. at the Col. Secy  
 Office. Called upon Pitcairn respecting  
 Hill's affairs. Came home dry.

9 At home all day. Gloomy but no rain -  
 most papers and letters.



A fine bright frosty morning. Walked into 10 July  
 Town and back again. Saw Sir John. He  
 was still harping upon Montagu's letter  
 Jeremy Thomson had been reporting some  
 further information upon the Subject from  
 Tom Young who had gone to Lillie about it  
 &c. &c. I have had nothing new to remark  
 upon this disagreeable matter for many weeks  
 past and certainly if Sir John possessed  
 the least skill in physiognomy he would  
 discover in my countenance how utterly  
 distasteful the story had become and  
~~with~~ with what pain and impatience I  
 listen to his endless repetitions. poor man!  
 While he seems to be most moved and  
 most bitterly to resent Montagu's charge  
 against him of insincerity he really is,  
 all the time conveying the impression to  
 my mind that the charge is not entirely  
~~without~~ <sup>without</sup> foundation. Some time I showed me  
 the draft of a despatch to Lord Stanley re-  
 specting the <sup>frivolous</sup> attacks made upon him in the  
 Dublin journals and particularly that

of last Friday's Courier, in which Sir L<sup>td</sup>  
 despatch to Sir John was given at length.  
 It set forth that the heavy pecuniary  
 obligations Elliston was under to the  
 Document Press made the course he  
 had adopted almost inevitable. Of  
 Murray's paper and the abuse it poured  
 out - he spoke hardly that Sir Geo.  
 Arthur having saved the editor's life when  
 he had been sentenced for Treason in this  
 colony had produced such a great deal  
 of sense of gentleness that he was the most  
 uncompromising supporter of his Re-  
 publican's <sup>party</sup> cause and of course the  
 determined enemy of Sir John's  
 friends. In the despatch contained a  
 reference to some remark made upon  
 Murray's conviction for perjury by  
 Sir Samuel Romilly to the effect that  
 although there were some extenuating  
 circumstances in Murray's case yet he had no  
 doubt that he richly deserved hanging.  
 11. Rainy morning. I did not go into  
 Town.



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Walked into Town and out again. The 12 July  
 meeting of the Finance Committee put off  
 till Saturday. Hull came in just as we had  
 dined and remained till after breakfast the  
 next day. Walked in and out of Town. Mr. 13  
 Rossi called upon me bringing an introductory  
 note from Maclean. He wanted some informa-  
 tion respecting our Revenue and Customs  
 which I sent to him the next day. He cu-  
 riously I suspect for Rossi's retirement at  
 Goulburn does not afford him many op-  
 portunities of mixing in public affairs -  
 Paid MacDonald the £12. 8 for Saddle &  
 which I promised him.  
 Paid my acceptance in favor of Barrett for 15  
 £25. 13. 3 due this day. I did not go to the  
 Office but amused myself on the Fort Domain  
 walking on the Cliff or the shore, and shooting  
 at the gulls. Said that Cavanagh the B.R.  
 was brought into Town.  
 A beautiful sunny mild day. At home 16  
 Mary and the two girls gone to Church -  
 Henry Charles and myself at home. A

Heavy Shower

Among the important events of this day I knew  
 out of my own teeth. Thus, by entering the  
 mass of papers to the effect that -

Rain

Large as the room  
 must be filled with many papers

in the High Court of Justice  
 at the Court of Sessions  
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Which the Bishop visited on 11th inst. when he officiated  
 at the High Court of Justice. This action, before me, was  
 taken on 11th inst. 1843.

Wm. B. B. B.  
 to the Public

H.B. 11

By the Bishop of Sydney  
 1843  
 This is the Bishop's report of the proceedings of the High Court of Justice, taken on 11th inst. 1843.

Dudley Report

heavy shower came on while we were  
 returning from Church. The children were  
 wet on their reaching home. W. Kay came out.  
 Walked to and from Town. Roads drying but  
 slowly.  
 18 Signals for ships from the Southward  
 Examining Entries for Stores & Stationery  
 19. At the Board of Finance 12 till 2 1/2  
 20. Bishop of Tasmania having arrived in  
 the "Duke of Roxburgh" found a letter on  
 my table at the Office informing me that  
 Mr. Lordship would leave at the next day  
 at 1. He did so and was received by  
 all the Civil Officers and half the Town.  
 He had brought out an arch-deacon and  
 two or three <sup>other</sup> clergymen - ships of patronage  
 who are to be provided for at the expense  
 of this Bankrupt Colony. Saw H. Melrose  
 a note in answer to his of Sunday last -  
 respecting the proceedings of the Leg. Council  
 in the Session of 1842. Sat half an hour  
 with Sir John. The Bishop, Monday  
 Book & Edw. came down with us.  
 21 At home all day, raining most part of the



time. About 3 o'clock I received a card to  
dine at Government House at 6. It was  
altogether so disagreeable a prospect - getting  
into town - sleeping - and then walking home  
through the wet and mire, that I declined.

The Lt. Gov. sent for me. He spoke about 22.  
the promise he made me that Haymes should have  
the vacant situation in the Roads Office.  
He was fearful it was too inexperienced. I  
and then told me that Lucciter was going to  
quit the Col. Smeatons Office to join Pitcairn  
and that Haymes should have that situation.

He asked me to dine with them that day  
which I did and <sup>met</sup> the Bishop, Mr. Bishop, the  
archdeacon. Gregson, Kemode, Ed. Bedford  
and wife. Mr. Kenslowe, Miss Cressop Miss  
Franklin & Miss Williams on. Kenslowe and  
Bayer dined with Pichens. Returned to  
Newtown in a Cab. Fine day but cold.

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afternoon at Church with George & Edward.

Exceedingly cold. The trees were covered with  
Ice which after the fog had been somewhat  
dispelled by the sun blew off like hail.

Mr. Pearson brought Mr. Pickles  
Sketches into the Drawing Room -  
They were numerous & beautiful.

The Children collected the fee which the little one  
Charles looked at with surprise and delight.  
Mr. Haymes called. I recommended him to  
call and thank the Governor for the promise  
of the vacancy about to occur in the C. S. Office.

25. Kemode called and sat half an hour. He  
had offered the Gov. and family a retreat at  
Mona Vale upon the arrival of the Successor.  
Heard of Forster's confirmation in the Office  
of District General of the Probation Department.

26. Forster called and showed me the Letter  
announcing his confirmation as the Head  
of the Probation Department. At the Finance  
Board.

Heavy Rain. 27. Intended to have gone into Town early  
to see the ceremony of enthroning the Bishop  
in the Cathedral performed this morning, but  
the rain came down in Torrents and kept  
me at Newtown the whole day, and in the  
house till 2 o'clock. The sun at that time broke  
out and it promised fair weather.

28. Walked in and out of Town. <sup>Kay drove me up to</sup> Lady Sale. Horse  
<sup>not happy</sup>

29. Just as I sat down to dinner the Governor  
called with Bayer. He would not alight but



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sat talking to me a quarter of an hour at the door. He told me of the gross insult Cheyne had received from Forth - arising out of Cheyne's having got possession of Montagu's note to him, which had been kept back by Forth for reasons well known. In this note Mr. had authorized Cheyne to proceed with St. George's Church - a fact that Montagu always denied - and fixed the blame of doing so upon Cheyne - making that circumstance one of the charges against the Ecclesiastical Lord ~~and~~ which with others perhaps equally unfounded induced Lord Stanley to confirm Cheyne's dismissal from Office.

Forth wished to retain it but has come to the conclusion to publish Cheyne's deposition.

At home all day - read prayers & lessons and 30. one of Blair's sermons. Edward dined with us. Saw Bakeno was talking to him sometimes 31 about the Bishop, Cuning, Sir John's departure &c. Invited to dine at Gov. House Society but declined. Made an excuse.

Saw Bakeno in the morning. At 8 formed 3 one of the Deputation to present the address to the Bishop. Sir John Pender was chosen

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unanimously to act for the Deputation and after a brief explanation of the object read the address and handed it to the Bishop who gave us a fine piece of Oratory in return. There were present six members of the leg. Council if Geyson was of the party and I think he was. Twelve parsons a few magistrates and some nobles.

5. At the Finance Board from 12 till 3 1/2. as I walked home between four and five. there was a flag up for a ship from Eng<sup>l</sup> with merchandise. I have not been able to walk about the lower garden except in the mud since the 25. June last. The ground is so thoroughly saturated that every shower lodges upon the surface. The Strawberry trees are putting forth their leaves and the Almonds will be out in blossom in ten days more if the weather should be at all favorable.

Heavy shower.

Before dawn from that date the Almonds are in blossom.

6 At home all the morning expected Lakin last evening but he has not yet arrived. He felt quite sure if he could not leave



home on Saturday evening that he should  
be here by one o'clock this day - but that  
time is now passed. Read prayers and  
Lectures of the day.

On reaching home about 5 o'clock found  
Lutken had arrived. He looked very well  
and there was scarcely any alteration in  
his appearance. With Sir John Franklin in  
the afternoon. He asked me to dine with him  
but I excused myself on account of Lutken's expected  
arrival. I suspect Sir Edw. will not move  
until he is fairly turned out by the arrival of  
his successor. I understand from him that he  
has taken his passage in the "Rajah". This ship  
Swanston tells me will not sail before  
February next. <sup>Forster came in to the office and  
read Monday's letter to him.</sup> I

Dined with Ewing but Swanston and  
his wife - Barnes and his wife - Picheno,  
Pitcairn, Fletcher & his wife & Young Swanston  
Rode out and to Ewing's in the Rain, but it  
turned out a mild dry evening. I walked  
home with Pitcairn. <sup>Called upon Ashmun at the  
Mansion. but he was gone.</sup>  
With Sir John from 3 till 6 P.M. He read 11

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Lutken  
arrived

Dined  
with  
Fraser

me his last despatch. The original of which  
went home to Lord Stanley in the "Arctica" ten  
days since. It is a voluminous composition.  
Sir John was nearly 2 1/2 in reading it. Its  
fault is in being too long. but it is extremely  
well written and if read by His Lordship  
will make him wince or I am much mistaken.  
Sir John asked me to dine with them  
but I was going to dine with Fraser. I met  
Picheno, Major St. Paul, Forster, Burneth,  
Lillie. I walked home. Leaving the office door  
at 25 past 11 and reached my own door at  
10 min past 12.

12 On reaching my office saw Mr. H. Kaurion  
and Mr. James Lord. They had come down  
about lowering the interest upon Hill's Mortgage  
upon Gadsden from 11 to 8 per cent. They  
had been with Pitcairn. We consented sub-  
ject to Hill's acquiescence. Mr. Milligan wrote  
to Mr. Kaurion and conjured her by their old  
friendship to tell her whether it was true  
that John S. Hill was divorced from his  
wife because if it were her mother intended

Dined with  
Mr. Ewing.

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to try her chance with him. I do not know what Mr. Harrison's answer was. but the fact is that he is not divorced - and the General would not have hesitated a moment in sacrificing the infatuated widow to his love of her - *fat jointure* - She went over to Port Philip took a house furnished it and made all other preparations for her projected union - when some unsatisfactory answers to preliminary enquiries which it had been thought desirable to make - broke off the match and sent the amorous widow back to Lancaster. I asked Harrison to dine with me today or tomorrow but he was engaged or pretended to be. No matter - I saw the Bishop and told his Lordship that as I was proceeding to Richmond on Monday I hoped it would not be inconvenient if the deputation from the Tasmanian Journal Society waited upon his Lordship on Tuesday instead of Monday - He was quite pleased with the arrangement - Seeing me at Gov. House Sir John sent Bayly out to

August. *Practised were many days* *much* me to dine with them but the Aide-de-Camp at my suggestion undertook to make an excuse. I walked home early - and dined at 3 having had no breakfast. On my way out met Lady Padden in her carriage. She was walking - having sent her carriage to have some slight repairs done to it. In the afternoon Sir John, Lady Franklin and Miss Franklin came up to the house and left a handsome framed and glazed portrait of Sir John with a neat note from the Lady requesting my acceptance of it.

*Windy but 13 -* At home all the morning. While preparing for afternoon service at New Town Church I saw a heavy shower approaching rapidly. The rain was falling about 20 minutes. My teeth began to be troublesome about 3 o'clock and continued to harass me all the evening and through the night accompanied with fever and headache. 14 I was obliged to put off my trip with Lakin to Richmond - on account of my teeth and head - Sat at home till past 12 and then



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walked over the hills of the Domain with  
 Lukin who went into Town. There was a flag  
 up for a Brig from England. I got back by  
 3. very weak tired and in some pain. Finished  
 the "Denslayer". Characters Denslayer or  
 Nathaniel Bumpfro - Harry March or Harry  
 Harry, Thomas Butler called old floating Tom.  
 Judith and Betty his supposed daughters, the  
 Delaware Indian Chingachgook and Wak-ta-wah  
 his Bride called in English "West". Hoquois or  
 Mungos - Riveroak, Panther, Selous Currier, Sumner  
 Shebear and some few others. English Officers  
 Capt. Wadley, Ensign Thornton & Dr. Graham.  
 Old Tom's boat built upon a shoal was called  
 Muck-eat Castle. There was a floating house  
 called The Ark. The Lake was named  
 Glimmerglass. from its transparent waters.  
 Wrote to Lady Franklin and thanked her for the  
 print of the paper. At 2 o'clock went with  
 James Lowe, E. Bedford and the Gov. Printer to  
 wait upon the Bishop. He received us in the  
 Drawing Room. I addressed him as follows.  
 as nearly as I can recollect - "My Lord - he

Crofton's novel  
 "Denslayer"

permeance of a resolution passed at a recent  
 meeting of the Farnhamian Society these  
 gentlemen and myself being members of  
 that body wait upon Your Lordship to  
 solicit the favor of your becoming our  
 Vice President. We assure Your Lordship  
 that in making this request we believe  
 there is nothing in the constitution of the  
 Society that can be considered in the slightest  
 degree incompatible with Your Lordship's  
 sacred character. and when we say  
 My Lord that politics and party questions  
 are rigidly excluded from our meetings  
 and have no place in the unpretending  
 little book which from time to time we send  
 forth to the world, that the <sup>sole</sup> objects of our  
 easy and pleasant labours are the collec-  
 tion and publication of information chiefly  
 local, and above all that our honored  
 Governor under whose auspices the Society  
 was formed, is our president, we hope  
 we shall not be deemed unreasonable in  
 thinking that you will not withhold



from us the benefits we are sure to derive  
 from Your Lordship's Name and Support." Aug.  
 He received <sup>in</sup> the most obliging way listened  
 attentively to the few words I had to say and  
 after modestly expressing a doubt whether  
 he should really be of any use to us as a contribu-  
 tor. His education having been limited  
 to Classical and Theological Studies which  
 made it probable he should rather draw from  
 our stock <sup>of Scientific materials</sup> than ~~make~~ <sup>make</sup> any addition to  
 any addition to it, ended by accepting our  
 invitation. - I sat down and had some con-  
 versation with him about his house &c. &c.  
 which it seems will not be ready to receive  
 him till next month - After this I saw Sir  
 John who seeing me coming towards Lord  
 Gower sent O'Boyle to say he wished to see  
 me before I returned to my office. I of course  
 thanked him for the present which Lady F.  
 had made with his acquiescence of course.  
 We talked of their packing up further baggage the  
 coming of Sir Charles & Wilkes. Forties appointment.  
 Milligan's abilities &c. &c. I left him about 3 1/2

16. At 12 I was sent for to attend the Finance  
 Board. We talked, suggested, proposed,  
 rejected, agreed, disagreed and then separated.  
 It seems we are not to calculate upon the  
 Quit Rents as any substantial addition  
 to our present Revenue. The Law Officers  
 as I understand have very great doubts  
 whether we can make good our Claim in  
 Law. We cannot dispossess the Landholders  
 by who refuse to pay, by writs of distress  
 because they hold under permission from  
 the Gov<sup>t</sup>. &c. &c. it is a most troublesome  
 intricate question and I cannot foresee  
 the issue - Reading Libbon -

Speaking of Statesmen it seems Lord  
 Bacon has somewhere said that a great  
 man achieves eminence in that class by  
 "a union of great and mean Qualities"

18. Soon after I reached the office Mr. Manley  
 came in and informed me that Sir E. Wilkes  
 had arrived. Pickens it seems was knocked  
 up at 2 in the morning to receive a note  
 from Sir Charles dated Lagoon Bay. The

Statement  
 incomplete



Ship "the Cypriote" had passed the Duwent  
and got away to Freshwater Peninsula S.E.  
dined and slept at Capt. Payley's. He said  
that he should proceed overland the next  
day and about 9 o'clock this evening he arrived  
at Mr. Pichens where he will remain till the  
Gov. House is ready to receive him. Saw  
Pichens - he showed me Sir E.'s letter.

I was twice this day with Sir John Franklin  
talking of course about the new Governor. I called  
upon Maclean to enquire the best means of  
drawing Sir John's paper money to England.  
He recommended that Sir J. should draw upon  
the Treasury himself and negotiate the bills  
in this colony. At my second call Sir John  
got me to sit down and pen a despatch to  
Lord Stanley recommending that Sir J. should  
draw upon his services &c. &c. Sir Eardley dined with  
Sir John that day.

At home in the morning. In the afternoon at 20.  
Newtown Church - Ewing had heard from the  
Montagu's. Sir Eardley went out to the residence

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Duke of Sussex & Earl  
a feeling from the Gov.

and lunched with them. They desired to  
be remembered to us.

21. The new Governor sworn in at the  
Legislative Chamber - ~~but~~ not in the large  
room but in the St. Gov. writing Room.  
He then proceeded to the front of Government  
House where a stage had been set up  
in the morning - then surrounded by  
the councillors public officers &c. &c. he  
had the pleasure of hearing his own Com-  
mission read by the Crown Solicitor, Mr  
Stonor after which he thanked the people  
for their attendance and retired.

22. The first thing after going into Town was  
to call upon Sir Eardley Wilmot. I sent  
O'Boyle in with my card and was imme-  
diately after admitted Sir Eardley was  
alone reading despatches. He received  
me in a friendly manner. We shook hands  
and then we sat down and gossiped for

23. half an hour. With Pichens after the  
St. James Board. He told me that Lord Stanley  
feeling the injustice done to him in the

Self-entrusted with the whole  
in the face - could not help  
the whole right.



app<sup>t</sup> of Seymour told Asst. Col. Surtary had  
desired that the situation of Manager or some  
other Office next to Forsker's should be given to  
him - which will in all probability be worth  
£500 a year. Richens related the trifling  
embarrass which occurred to him in arranging  
the great Officers of the Government at the Council  
Table at the time Sir Eardley was sworn in.  
Richens had placed the Ch. Justice on Sir E's  
right, the Bishop on his left and the Lt. Col.  
commanding next to the Ch. Justice with the  
Bishop I don't recollect which. Elliott took  
umbrage at this, and seized upon the first  
opportunity of pointing out to Richens that  
his situation should have been next to Sir E.  
He explained that the order or arrangement he  
had adopted was in strict conformity with  
the Secretary of State's instructions. Soon after  
this Richens spoke to Sir Eardley upon the  
subject, and he inclined to the opinion  
that Elliott was right, an opinion which  
when communicated to the little Colonel  
gave him entire satisfaction. Elliott had

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pettishly said at 18, not exactly to him, that  
"he saw how it was, there was the same spirit  
operating against him which had animated  
the former Gov<sup>t</sup>" - The Bishop too, after  
prefacing his remark by disclaiming any  
thing like complaint, observed that he  
had understood distinctly from Lt. Surtary  
that he was the next in rank to the Gov<sup>t</sup>  
and therefore his position was on Sir E's  
right. - To my friend Richens's perplexity  
has commenced. If the Chief Justice  
should steadily maintain his right to  
be considered the 2<sup>d</sup> Officer in the Gov<sup>t</sup>  
I would suggest to Richens ~~that~~ as it is  
quite impossible because little known a  
point to recommend the disputants to  
adjust their difference in the manner  
determined upon by a fighting  
mathematical Officer of Capt. Mearns's  
creation, who placed his three men at the  
angles of an equilateral triangle and  
made them fire at each other from those  
points. Dined with Richens. The party



consisted of Sir Eardley Wilmot, Sir J. Franklin Aug  
 Def. Commr. Genl. Maclean, Mr. Burnett, Price &  
 Austen and Major Anisworth. Roddhouse  
 in a cab. I dropped Burnett at his house.

Scott informed me that my boat was come up  
 from Port Arthur. I walked down with him  
 and looked at her. She was upon the New Wharf  
 a pretty little boat indeed.

Purchased a pair of oxen and 14 lbs Rope for 24  
 the boat and then William Lukin & the Constable  
 rowed with her to Canadian Bay. Newtown.

Went to the Council Room with the Rev. 25  
 to present an address to the Rev. St. Govt.  
 Called upon Mr. Perceval and saw his mag-  
 nificent collection of Birds, Beasts & Insects.

Mr. Burnett, Manley, Leach & Fletcher  
 dined with us.

A beautiful warm summer's day. I did not 26  
 go to the office. Prepared some fishing lines  
 and in the afternoon went over to Buller's  
 Wharf in the New Craft with Lukin Edward  
 Henry and George Fletcher. We caught about  
 a score of very good fish and returned about an

hour afterwards.

27 At home with the exception of walking twice  
 around the Govt. Farm. Read prayers & Lessons  
 of the day.

28 In the evening I wrote out a draft of my opinion  
 upon the subject of the Govt. Order of St. July.  
 I sat up till 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

29. Wrote out my report and in the afternoon  
 gave it to Bickens. He says that with two  
 Governors, two Bishops and two Judges he  
 has plenty to do. We walked together down  
 to Govt. House to look at the Goods for sale.  
 on our way we chatted a short time with  
 Sally Padden who was in her carriage  
 waiting for Sir John. Saw Miss Racroft  
 played a rubber of whist in the evening  
 with Lukin, Edward, and their mamma.

30 In the morning the Hills, fields and the  
 Garden were almost covered with snow.  
 There were several heavy showers of snow in  
 the course of the day. At 12 I rode in between  
 the showers. Slept at the Office and then  
 at 2 attended Sir Eardley's first levee. It  
 was a great amusement to see what the

A great  
 fall of  
 snow



effect of the dancing master's report upon  
some and what the consequence of no mask  
at all upon others. Capt. Miller's carriage appeared  
the most ridiculous. He came in with his knees  
bent as usual and his body stiffly upright. He  
did not turn towards the Lt Governor but  
viewed him askance and after staring at  
his Excellency for along second, perhaps two,  
he gave a side nod familiar and then hastened  
out of the presence chamber as though he expected  
to be kicked. Lord Macartney looked as much  
like a fool as any one among them and had ~~no~~  
<sup>no more</sup> ~~good~~ idea of a bow than one of his good bearing  
countrymen. The only man who bore himself  
like a gentleman and did no discredit to his  
breeding was Dr. Clarke's relation Mr. Nuttall.  
I have remarked this young man before. The  
Officers & their wives were distinguished for the  
awkward, snuffling way in which they paged  
the Governor looking, particularly a young fellow  
of the name of Stevenson or Stapleton like a panel of  
clod poles. It is a nuisance and in one sense a  
lamentable sight to see, and I came away in

Power  
and  
Kay.

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Half an hour from the commencement of the  
ceremony thoroughly weary. Sir Girdley  
looked very well and like a Governor. He  
starts at 9 tomorrow with Bickens, Young  
Wilkes his private Secretary, and Bagot,  
for Luncheon with the intention of making  
a fortnight of it. With reference to what is  
jotted down a few pages back. I observed that  
Lt Col. Elliott took the light of the Governor  
and maintained his position throughout  
the case. Fease looked in upon me and  
related the beginning, progress, and termina-  
tion, of a quarrel between Power the Sur-  
veyor General and Lieut. Kay. about a  
debt of William Kay's incurred at New  
Brunswick. It seems that Kay was in  
partnership with a man of the name of  
Kendall, as Brewers. Kendall was a friend  
of Power's and the latter endorsed a bill for  
the firm. a failure took place, and Power  
was obliged to pay the money. On Kay's arrival  
here Power attacked him, and he engaged to  
get out of debt by instalments of £10 a month



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so long as he retained his situation of  
Director of Public Works, from some cause  
or other his payments have not been so regu-  
lar as they ought to have been for the last two  
or three months and Power talked so loudly  
about it that at last it came to St. Kay's ears  
who immediately wrote an offensive letter  
to Power and enclosed a cheque for £160 the  
balance due <sup>from his brother</sup>. Power feeling the sting of the  
sentiments conveyed to him, first proceeded  
to the Bankers and had the amount of the  
cheque duly placed to his credit. then to the  
Attorney General's to ask him to be the bearer  
of a message to St. Kay. Which declined this  
honour and in a joke recommended Power to  
try John Bradwell, who accepted the com-  
mission. <sup>immediately</sup> after seeing his man Kay walked  
off to Capt. Rice of the 57<sup>th</sup> and placed the whole  
transaction in his hands. Rice decided that he  
was not justified in writing the letter to Power  
and that he must withdraw it, a step that  
the gallant lieutenant took very unwillingly.  
The fact is Kay would have been only too happy

to have taken a shot at Power as a receipt in  
full for the unmeasured abuse the latter  
has heaped upon Sir John Franklin his  
relative. I saw Capt. Booth at the levee and  
thanked him for the trouble he had taken about  
the boat. I told him also that I had written  
to that effect last evening and after sending  
the letter to the post I heard that he was in  
Hobartown.

31. I did get into Town before 1 or 2. The Governor  
and party started in the morning as intended  
the day before. The weather was better and  
apparently improving. In the afternoon the  
Ex Lt. Gov. called upon me at my office and  
sat chatting for an hour. Sir Cardley visited  
him before the levee yesterday and then Sir  
John walked into the presence Chamber made  
his bow to his successor and retired before the  
doors were thrown open to the public. I then  
walked with Sir John into Fraser's Office and  
talked a short time with the Treasurer.  
I promised that the warrant for his salary  
should be ready in a day or two.



At the Office signing Abstracts & Warrants 1 Sept<sup>r</sup>  
 for the post till late. Sowed about a Rod  
 with Fulton's prolific Wheat. in unmanured  
 ground. At home all day. Afternoon 2  
 went over to Madam Wall's with Lukin &  
 Murray. we caught no fish. It was a very  
 fine day and the open air was refreshing  
 At home all day. with the exception of 3  
 walking twice round the Gov. Farm. The  
 last time I met Amisworth who told me of  
 Sir John and family being at his house.  
 He related also the conversations he had had  
 with Murray and with Alliston concerning  
 the abominable articles that appeared week  
 after week in their Journals. The former pro-  
 mised to abstain - but as he was never known  
 to keep a promise or tell the truth. So in this case  
 his proceedings have been consistent with his  
 general character. The offensive lies are con-  
 tinued. I called upon Sir John but he was at  
 out at the Observatory as Miss Craicraft informed  
 me. I walked out in that direction and met  
 him on his return in Leinford Street, with Ray

Wrote to Murray  
about the farm

I received Ray's answer &  
 wrote him again.

and the Andersons. He dropped their arms  
 and taking mine we walked to his house  
 together. I left him at the door and walked  
 home

5. My children have all violent Coughs. We  
 suppose believe the Hooping Cough poor Mary Ann  
 Cough Elizabeth suffer very much. The baby has  
 Children been getting better since Hecatanham Wine  
 was administered. It made him very ill  
 at the time - Called at Govt. House and looked  
 over the things for sale. Dined at the Mess.  
 The dinner was given to Sir John and his  
 friends. The latter consisted of Maclean,  
 Gell, Senhouse, Ferguson, Ed. Bedford - his  
 father, the two Rays, Scott of the Observatory,  
 Fraser, Symonds, Ronald Gunn, F. C. Smith &  
 Craicraft. The party consisted of about 36 in  
 all. The Lt. Colonel was not there! I was  
 much annoyed with the Rheumatism all  
 the evening and it troubled me more or less  
 all the next day. I left the mess at the same  
 time with Sir John about 10 1/2. At home  
 all the next day. Walking a little about the  
 grounds.



at home all day. The rain came on heavily 7 Sept.  
 as I was getting ready for the office and con. Rain  
 continued with intervals through the day, yesterday  
 and this day the Auction took place at Gov.  
 House. At the office Seymour showed me a S.  
 letter from Richards. He expects to be in Hobart on  
 Monday and Sir Cauley on Tuesday week.  
 Pease bought a sketching box of colours at the  
 Gov. House Sale which he handed over to me he  
 being already provided. Wrote to Ed. Bedford  
 declining to make any reduction in the rate of  
 interest he now pays and requested that he  
 would oblige me with his acceptance for the  
 last quarter by a bill at 3 months which I  
 enclosed to him. Sent £29 to the Commercial  
 Bank to pay my acceptance in favor of  
 Lymer & Co. - Lukin's Amount. Also sent  
 my promissory note for £500 at 3 months  
 dated this day the 9<sup>th</sup>. On the 7<sup>th</sup> Another  
 Rod of Tutton's & wife's Wheat was sown  
 in soil manured with Soot.

At Newtown Church with Mary, Henry, 10  
 George Lukin and Edward. The Minister

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preached. At home all the rest of the day.  
 On my way home had some conversation  
 with Swanton about the farm Sir Cauley's  
 Salary of £3500 per Ann. P.

- Rain 11. At home all day.
12. Called upon Sir John. Saw Lady F. Called also  
 at the Thanaers and left a card for the office  
 and another for Capt. P. Rice
13. Dined with Sir John. Met the Bishop and  
 Mr. Nixon and Mr. Paget. The archdeacon  
 came round in the evening. Raining all the  
 afternoon and evening. Came home in a Cab.
14. At home all day. About 5 o'clock the late  
 Lt. Gov. called with his wife. He asked  
 me in the event of my taking the farm to allow  
 his cattle and sheep to continue on the same.
15. At home expecting price to come out and  
 put a value upon the farm. Fletcher having  
 on my part yesterday gave his opinion that  
 the farm including the Domain was worth  
 £150 per Ann. and no more. Walked about  
 most of the day with Lukin and Charles.
16. Walked into town. Showery looking heavy  
 but no rain. Sent Mr. J. Carr to Dr. J. J. J.

Rain -  
 filled all  
 the Casks



met Bruce who told me that Fletcher and he  
were quite agreed about the ~~price~~ Rent of the  
Farm. On my way home met Bagot who was  
on his way down Elizabetta Street with Lacey.  
We put off speaking of the Farm till Monday  
at home all day. Henry & his Mama ~~both~~ 17  
~~went~~ went to church. Read prayer & hymns. 18  
In the afternoon Bagot called and told me  
that Sir Caidley would not have the Farm  
for less than £150 a year and that of course I  
should have it. Henry Nickolls called. He  
had subpoenaed from Pette to give evidence  
in re Leamonth v. Lascelles. He came out  
~~and~~ died and left. After breakfast. He and  
Larkin took their departure. Saw Benslowe. 19  
Walked into Town. Fletcher dined with us  
He tried our Cannister Salmon and thought it  
excellent. Sent my acceptance for £ to the  
Commercial Bank. Procured Antimonial 20  
Wine & Paregoric in equal quantities for the  
Children's Coughs which have been getting  
worse up to this time. Father told me that  
his Children found great relief from that  
medicine.

Fletcher dined  
with us.  
Children with us.  
Cough

Larkin  
called.

Ans. Wilks.  
Cough. Rain and the  
Hon. Mr. E. called

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21. Saw Perkins - had a long conversation  
with him about the Bishop. Lillie. St. &  
22. Saw Deaser. He dinner to Sir Caidley just  
an cent to. at which I joined. Wrote a few  
lines to Nickolls enquiring how he and Larkin  
got along. Quite lame from a cold.  
23. At home all day strolling about with  
the Children and looking over the Farm.  
24. At home. Made a light sketch in the  
middle of the day of Swanston's Glass  
Bridge. Just 8. A beautiful sunny day.  
The brightness however was disturbed for  
a few minutes by a shower.  
25. Walked into Town earlier than usual.  
Opened the letters and signed warrants &  
then came back to the Geo. Farm to attend  
the sale by Auction. I purchased the  
following

Shaw . . .	3. 15.	Posts & Rails 6. 6.
152 Ewes & Lam. 76.		1 Koller . . . 4. 5
47 Hogs . . .	21. 3	Knives . . . 2. 10.
Gray Mare . . .	3. 5.	Bay Horse 15. .
1st Bull . . .	4. 10	5 Bull . . . 19. 15.
		£ 156. 9



Plummer came at 6 and took some coast  
beef with us. We were obliged to kill the  
Gander / Chicken / that Mr. Ewing presented  
me with. The horse broke upon its leg and  
crushed it.

Rose at 7 1/2. I wrote to Luke to inform 26  
him of what Power had that morning  
told me vizt. that in consequence of the  
Directors of the V. D. Company having  
strongly objected to the necessary outlay  
for forming <sup>a</sup> road from Deloraine to  
the limits of the Company's grant he intended  
to dispense with the services of Kentish &  
Larkin from the 30<sup>th</sup> October / I think it was /  
Accepted a bill for the amount of my pen. 27  
Charles on Monday. Saw Picheno - he gave  
me Fraser's application for his Cop in re  
Dobson vs. Fraser - £ 190 - odd. He had  
no chance of getting any thing I can see.  
Getting in as many Abstracts as popi 28  
ble for the R. Govt's signature. He starts to-  
morrow for Port Arthur.  
Sir Eardley and his party sailed at 29

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understand at 7 this morning. Called upon  
Sir John and Lady Franklin. Sat at home  
with them. Then went to Kay's and heard  
the letter read from the Secretary to the Anti  
Union / Lewis Pocock / and saw the Engra-  
vings &c. I did not reach home till 7-  
30 At home and upon the Farm all day.

The weather was Showery and during the  
rain and just before, extremely cold.  
The two girls are getting better <sup>Amey</sup> and I  
think does not seem worse but Baby  
suffers a great deal and Charles is only  
Year commencing. Tried Mrs. Barrow's test.

- Oct. 1. At home Showery and very cold between  
the squalls. The same as yesterday -  
Baby is no better  
2. Baby very ill.  
3. The little creature had a wretched night.  
I rode up to Mr. Ewing's - Saw Mr. E. and  
requested Mr. E. would come down this  
afternoon and baptize Baby. Became  
arranging at 4 o'clock. The child was  
however much better through the day.

Shocking  
Cough

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After  
baptized



Baby was baptized by the name of  
Alfred. As his Manum appeared to have  
set her heart upon that name. He had  
a bad night but was better decidedly 4 Oct.  
in the morning - Macalisher called upon  
me.

Macalisher and Fletcher dined with  
us. Baby much improved. Saw Richens.  
Saw Richens. He was getting better of the  
terrible concussion he experienced  
at the time he was projected from the  
Railway wagon on Saturday last at  
Fort Arthur. The wheel came off while  
they were going at a very rapid rate down  
hill. Pitman called in the afternoon  
and left a draft of a lease of Gov. Pann  
and Domain for me to peruse. Walked  
home with Spode as far as least as his  
house. Hoghead of Porter and 1/4 Cask  
of masala wine from Coyntee.  
Walked over to the farm and looked at  
the sheep before breakfast. Then again  
at the stock meat - Sorden left three  
black sows for me to take if I liked

Porter and Wine

Birdy came  
as an apprentice  
servant

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them. They belong to Mr. Litchhouse on the  
other side of the Duvent. near Richmond.  
8 ~~Example~~ A walk over to the farm and strolling  
about the grounds all day. Made a light  
sketch of the Orphan school and the  
country about it. I Hull called.

9 My old messenger Tho. Davis was  
assigned to me. I went over to Fletcher's  
and then rode into town with him.  
William went in with the cart and  
brought out a case of bottles of Capers and  
Blankets Beds for the men and alcohol  
for the Cather. Saw Richens. He appears  
to have made a very correct estimate  
of Forster's character and therefore is not  
likely to improve an intimacy with that  
gentleman. Sir John Franklin called  
upon me about 3 1/2 and remained  
gossiping till past five. Came home  
round the Domain - Baby improves  
in appearance every day although his  
cough still continues violent. Eliza  
is very unwell. A fever accompanies  
her cough which comes on towards evening



Sale of Cattle at the Auction Comp<sup>y</sup> 10  
Gaul. Jordan bought 3 Cows for me  
a Poland a black Cow and calf and  
a well bred light grey - They were brought  
home the same evening. £14.10 further there

The Cows lambing fast. Walked over before 11  
Breakfast to the Farm. Saw Bickens  
indeed I see him almost every day. He  
has something to talk over with me. 12

Two prison ships came in, the "General"  
his and the "Forfarshire" called upon  
Sir J. Franklin.

Took a turn or two upon the Race Course 13  
before breakfast. Went over to look at  
the Sheep before breakfast. Henry rode off 14

Blossom. A ship with Convicts and  
one with Merchandise came in, the former  
left England the 25. July. At a meeting  
of the Finsbury Society. Convened by Sir  
Eardley. Through Gill, Ewing & Young  
Belcher. The meeting was adjourned.

I me die. Immediately afterwards a society  
to be called the Agricultural and Botanical  
Society for the purpose of developing all

George Young the  
Highway up to the

10th

Supper at the  
Club

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Sir Eardley's  
first call

Natural  
the resources of mineral & vegetable of the  
Country and for other Scientific purposes.  
Rode home with Fraser and soon afterwards  
Sir Eardley Wilmer called and sat  
half an hour with us. The Poland Cow  
Calved in the morning. Heard a Report  
that it was Sir Eardley's intention to  
suspend Judge Montagu in consequence  
of his address to some prisoners at  
Launceston. in which he explicated  
strongly upon the Executive Gov<sup>t</sup> for  
pardoning Raveenagh. I saw Montagu's  
explanatory letter to the Governor and  
also one from the Atty General relating  
what passed upon the occasion in  
question. It was a most unbecoming  
course to pursue on the part of Montagu  
and was calculated not only to injure  
Sir Eardley in the opinion of the public  
but also with the Home Gov<sup>t</sup>. The  
principles which the Judge affirmed  
"that by pardoning Raveenagh it was  
intended to abolish Capital Punishment



in this colony was one fraught with  
mis chief and if it got credit and  
circulated would operate as an imi-  
tation to Bushranging. Besides, the  
Judge if he has <sup>not</sup> told direct falsehoods  
has perverted to such a degree that  
the moral offence is equally grave.  
It is said that in the event of Montague's  
being put out of Office some will be  
the puisne judge. Sir Cawley must  
pause before he determines upon the  
Successor, there are many reasons why  
~~because~~ the selection should not fall upon  
Horne. His circumstances are so  
cramped if they are not in a ruinous  
state that his spirit is bowed and  
dependent. He could not pre-  
sides justly and impartially in any court  
Criminal cases. I believe too that  
neither the public nor the profession  
have any ~~confidence~~ <sup>respect for</sup> his talents  
or confidence in his judgment -  
At home all day - very disagreeable weather 15

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Rainy and blowing lead prayers.  
Dawning for a short time.

- Oct. 19. At a meeting of the Ball Committee to consider  
the propriety of inviting the Officers of the  
57<sup>th</sup> to the Ball about to be given to  
Sir Cawley Wilmet. Nothing was decided  
except that there should be a meeting the  
next day at 12. I was engaged with  
20 the Colonial Secretary and therefore  
could not attend. But I understood  
there was a majority for inviting the  
Officers. The Puisne Judge called  
upon the St. Joe and intreated him  
to look over the Officers he had given  
in his address to the prisoners at  
Launceston. He stood before Sir C.  
crying like a delinquent School boy -  
21. With Bickens and Booth by app.  
Nothing determined upon. I came  
home early to take Mary and the  
Children over to the farm. A heavy shower  
caught me on the way. It was fine  
however afterwards and thus we all  
proceeded except Baby to the Agricultural
- See John G.  
called at  
my office
- Rain



Establishment. Rode Clay into 22 Oct.  
Town and round by the Domain home  
before breakfast. Mary, the eldest girl <sup>sparsely</sup>  
and Henry went to Church. I remained <sup>with</sup>  
at home to look after the house. <sup>slight</sup>  
<sup>showers</sup>

The Legislative Council met. King's Speech 24.  
Bills on the table &c. Dined with Sir Eardley  
all the members of Council. On my way to  
Govt House met Crecroft going to dine with  
the Bishop. Council 2 till 5. --- 25  
Council till 3 1/2. Came home, changed 26.  
my coat and then rode the gray mare up  
to the Museum. where a large party of Sir J.  
and Lady Franklin's friends were assembled.  
I found that the party had gone up to the  
hill above the cultivated ground where we  
once dined with a large party and where  
there was a cold collation. I waited with  
many others waited their return. when we  
had tea and coffee. The Bishop on proposing  
the death of Sir John F. made an impressive  
speech. The eulogium was happy & true  
more so than usual in such cases.

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I returned with Geyson who remained  
and took a ship with me. It was past  
midnight when he took his departure  
for Reddown, having of course to cross  
the ferry before he could reach home.

27. Council 2 till 5

28. Dined with Mr. Pichens. met J. Kerr,  
Attorney Genl. Moore, Fraser, Geyson  
and Turnbull.

Rain 29. At home all day raining. Cold and  
unpleasant. Read prayers.

30. At the Council from 2 till 5 I walked  
home.

31. Purchased a horse and his from Kay  
for £50. At the Council - The Bishop  
read. his address was spun out for  
2 1/2 till 4 1/2. The Evans dined with  
us and a Mr. Simmonds they brought  
with them.

Nov. 1. Rode round the Domain to the Office  
Council from 2 till 4 1/4. Had a long chat  
with the Govt. about the Tasmanian  
Society &c. Sir John called.

2. I wrote a letter to Sir John about Kay

Some of his  
from Mr. Kay.  
see next list



which I sent up to him with a note about 4 o'clock. He Council this day, but I have been getting the Estimates ready for Pickens since Friday or Saturday last. There was nothing done to them and although he asked me merely to look over them I found there was every thing to do.

I called and saw Sir John & Lady F. 3 in the morning and took my leave of them. At the Council from 2 till 4.

Sir John promised to write to me at every opportunity and begged me to do the same to him. He gave me his address.

At 4 1/2 The Attorney General, Ferguson, Ashburner and myself waited upon Sir John with an address from the Legislative Council upon his departure - poor fellow he seems to feel deeply this last testimony of regard. At 5 or a little after we left his house. The Bishop on his right, Pickens, on his left and immediately following him in a croup were the Attorney General, Maulean, Old Bedford, The Ambrose, Paget, Fraser

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and myself <sup>and myself</sup> surrounded by about two thousand people who sent the air and made the welkin ring with their shouts. The Brigade Major in full staff dress walked at the head of the procession a few paces in advance of Sir John. As the Barge shoved off a salute was fired from Prince of Wales Battery and the Barge was steered by, I'm sure, in his full dress as a Commander in the Navy. Ray sent home the Horse and Chaise.

4. I rode the new horse into Town. He is a very indifferent riding horse. I rode home between 3 and 4 and at 6 1/2 left again on the Chaise for Pickens. William drove me - Met Maulean, Major St. Maur. Ashburner having Fraser, Champ, Kemode, ~~Ray~~ and Forster. I left a little after ten and got home in good time.

5. At home all the morning. Afternoon I walked more than half the way to Church but was driven back by the rain.

Some and  
Chaise from  
Ray  
Mr. W. C. who died  
in 2 or 3 years  
I will send in some  
this day



I drove my new pindrace into Town and out. Disagreeable weather. Wind and Calms  
 Kept and Cold rapidly following each other. Light Showers. At the Council from 2 till 3 adjourned to Friday 10. Sent  
 Champ my Subscription to the Hort. Socy. *Moore began writing the Bailey*  
 Rode round the farm and over to Fletcher's before breakfast. Mowing and ploughing  
 the farm and paid dock. *Letter from Harris. P. 10. Harris called. Picheno presented me with his Daguerrotypy. P. 10. Harris*  
 Cha! Rogers came as a hired servant at 7 1/2 a week and his board. Went up with  
 Picheno to the Daguerrotypist. He made another attempt at Picheno's likeness but it turned out a failure. *I wrote to P. 10. Harris*  
 Rode over to Fletcher's before breakfast. *Saw all about what P. 10. Harris*  
~~Drove~~ in and out of Town. Rain.  
 At the Council Room for 20 min but there 10 were not members enough to form a quorum.  
 Drove in and out of Town. Paid Moore 11 18/ for his week's work and Rogers 5/ for 5 days and 5/ in advance.  
 At Church with Mary, George, Henry, 12 and the two girls. Swannston told me

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That Ashburner had resigned. That the Bishop had asked to be put in the vacant seat and had been refused. W. Bedford preached and I asked him to come & dine with us next Sunday between the services. Henry upon Blossom and I upon punch rode out for the first time together upon the Farm.

Rain in 13. Arose at 5 1/2 and rode round the farm before breakfast.

14. At the farm before breakfast. The Shepherd was taking Sir J. Franklin's Sheep to the Auction Compt. Said to be sold that day. The Sale took place while I was up stairs with Picheno. So that I bought nothing.

15. Adams formerly Montague's Gardener came to live with me at 7 1/2 a week with his board.

Adams  
 Hort. Socy  
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16. Rode punch into Town. Sent him to Dags who shed him all round.  
 17. Drove Mary into Town. With Picheno for an hour. and then drove



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the Lady home. Hot wind. Thunder & Rain  
 Drove in and out. Took Perry with 18 Nov.  
 me. Sent my <sup>to Dunn</sup> acc<sup>t</sup> for £300 due tomorrow?  
 with Beckens for an hour. Very hot Wind.  
 In the evening we had a tremendous storm  
 of Thunder & lightning. One peal broke  
 close to our dining Room window. It was  
 the loudest that one I think I ever heard.  
 but it was the last.

Thunder

Very warm morning. at the same before 19  
 breakfast. At home all day. The sea  
 breeze came in violently at noon and  
 in the evening we had some rain. Mary  
 and the two girls went to Church. The  
 Archdeacon preached. So W. Bedford  
 came not. In the evening it was cool  
 enough for a fire and we accordingly  
 had one. I have read within the last two  
 or three days in the Quarterly Review  
 Life of Theodore Hook. and that of Sir  
 Charles Hall whose lectures upon Ana-  
 tomical engraving in relation to the  
 fine arts. I attended in 1806 or 1807.

in Leicester Street

Nov<sup>r</sup> in the House formerly occupied by the  
 Speaker Burdow. I am now reading  
 "Rubrics and Ritual of the Church of  
 England." In which is a sufficiently  
 detailed account of the Fracturians.

9 1/2. Raining with Thunder & lightning  
 but not heavy.

20. Rain stopped Haymaking in the  
 Hay field before breakfast

21. Lukin arrived from Lancaster

22. Printed the Boat. Council 2 till  
 4 1/2.

23. Fine day. Evening rain. Council adj<sup>d</sup>  
 to 18 Dec<sup>r</sup>

24. Mr. Gibson of Circular Head called  
 also Mr Kentish upon his return from  
 Bonn Bay. Fine sunny morning Hay  
 field before breakfast.

25. Dull morning — do — Settled  
 with Moore. paid him £1. 12.

26. At home. Mary and the Children at  
 Church.

27. Drove into Town and out with Beckens



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I rode Blofours into Town and out. 28. Nov.  
Drove in and out. Saw Picheno upon 29.  
business.

Took Mary into Town and left her with 30  
Mrs. Bell. who detained her all night &  
The next day for the Regatta. <sup>Taylor brought home</sup> 2 P.M. however P.M. action  
At the Regatta with Henry - a beautiful Day.  
The two Bennetts and Leau came  
over and refreshed with us.

Carried the last Ray for the present cutting 2.  
With Picheno about the Money in the Chest  
called with Peaser upon Maclean. He advised  
our leaving it to him to make the necessary  
arrangements - after that I throw out a hint  
about applying directly to the Banks.

Such an application would have lowered  
the value of Treasury Bills, that is to say, the  
Banks on becoming aware of the exhausted  
State of both chests - Colonial and Military,  
would have perceived at once that we were  
quite at their mercy and consequently we  
their power to make their own terms with  
us. Either by taking Treasury bills at a

large discount, a measure that would  
have startled the Lords of the Treasury,  
or by making us pay an exorbitant  
interest for a loan which would have had  
an injurious effect upon the value of  
the Comrumpays bills - Maclean has  
committed an error. He ought to have  
anticipated the Wool Season when his  
bills are never required to a large amount  
and have laid in a sufficient amount  
of Money to make him independent  
of the Banks and the casualties of  
this Season. Had some conversation with  
Picheno about the proposed bill for  
prohibiting the use of Sugar in the brewing  
of Beer. This measure may be attended  
with one or more of the following conse-  
quences which are not as it would  
seem anticipated by the heads of the  
Government. 1. It may encourage the  
Brewers to the substitute to a greater  
extent than at present, deleterious  
drugs for the legitimate ingredients







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upon the suffrages of a great majority  
of the colonists and secured to himself a  
larger popularity than has been enjoyed  
by either of his predecessors in the Gov.  
A beautiful day. The Sea breeze came in  
early and strong at home all the morning.  
The Church is not yet finished. I learned  
afterwards that the Church was sufficiently repaired  
for service and that it had been performed.

Rode the White Mare into Town and out. At 4 Dec.

I went to a meeting of the Council of the  
Port Society. At five mounted my horse  
for Newtown. Lumbago rather troublesome.

At home all day. Lumbago. We had a good 5  
doubt of rain through the morning. but it Rain  
blew off and got cold in the evening. I took

3 Gr. of Calomel. Cold morning but fine 6  
looking showery but very little rain fell. The  
papers were sent out last evening and I signed  
them all before breakfast. Rose at 5. At  
home all day and hauled out of the house.

Rose at 5 1/4 signed the office papers. My  
back much better but by no means well

Effect of War and Victory  
upon Republican Institutions

"He well manfully opposed it. (the paper in favor  
war with England) He felt that he was the  
servant of the interests, ~~of~~ not of the passions  
of his Country. . . . . "He dreaded victory;  
for he knew that few circumstances have  
such a fatal operation in condemning  
republican institutions as a protracted,  
and especially a successful war."

"A truly great Statesman will never, though  
his life should be the cost, sacrifice principle  
to patriotic considerations. It was said  
of Andrew Fletcher, "he would have died  
to ~~save his~~ serve his Country, but he would  
not do a base thing to save it."

"But the Statesman who looks in the simplest  
performance of his duty for consolation and  
support amidst all the toils and sufferings  
which that duty may call him to encounter,  
who aims not at popularity, because he is  
conscious that continued popularity rarely  
accompanies systematic and unyielding  
integrity - who, as he is urged to no ques-  
tionable measures by the hope of fame, so



is deterred from none that are just by the fear of censure - such a man may steer a steady course through the shoals and breakers of the stormy sea; and whether he must with the hatred or the gratitude of his countrymen, is to him a consideration of minor moment, for his reward is otherwise done. He has laboured with constancy for great objects. He has conferred signal benefits upon his fellow men. nobler occupation man cannot aspire to; sublimer power no ambitious need desire; great reward it would be very difficult to obtain."

De Witt. Quarterly January 1843.

At the Office early - Sent Mr. Bell a cheque for Rent to 20 Nov. £60.

As soon as I reached the Office Pickens & I sent for me. Among other things he told me that Turnbull called upon him and offered to exchange situations with Seymour. They did not proceed to speak about the difference of salary - as B. declined the offer before they arrived at that point. I should like to have known how the

Dec.

Doctor would have treated that matter. He certainly never contemplated making any pecuniary sacrifice in obliging the Col. Sanbury with his services. There is something wrong in his position with Sir Eardley - and I think his East has been cautioned by some one against the wily Eastreaser. He must feel himself differently placed than when the confidential adviser of Sir John and Lady Franklin and formerly the grand concocter of mischief and mystifier of the truth under Colonel Arthur. Pickens showed me a letter from Maclean remonstrating against the Gov. determination to appropriate the "Isabella" and "Eleanor" to the Colonial Service. It was a strong ill-worded remonstrance and had given Sir Eardley great offence - as well it might. Maclean relies upon the unequalled support of the Treasury in the real however ~~never~~ overdone he manifests as the guardian of the funds of the Home Govt. but the management of such a delicate



business properly is a cast beyond the Council's  
reach of mind and he is very likely to embroil  
himself with Sir Cardley and the Secretary of  
State upon the question. He has been cautioned  
by Mr. Frevlyan to be particularly circumspect  
in the style of his correspondence with the  
Local Govt. but he seems lately to have  
neglected or forgotten his many friends' advice.  
Smith Perkins again for an hour in the 9. Dec  
afternoon, he showed me Sir Cardley's  
minute upon Maclean's letter. and we  
had a good deal of confidential chat  
upon the relative situations of Compt.  
General and Col. Secretary with the Gov.  
Lord Blosome in and out of town.  
A sultry morning. At Church in the 10  
Morning - Ewins preached from the 1 Chap.  
of Colossians and the 10. Verse. At home  
all the afternoon. The sea breeze came in  
with a sudden squall of hail and rain.  
Several of the servants half drunk particularly  
the two women. William the constable, whose  
wife was drunk and would not go to bed.

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finding his patience exhausted. got up  
about 11 o'clock and dragged her out of  
the kitchen where she was sitting sitting  
away with Davis, and gave her a good  
thrashing. He had before knocked one  
of the Farm Servants down (Bridgeman)  
for making free with Mary Ann's life -  
and was about to accommodate Davis  
with a similar compliment.  
Lord Stanley in his letter to Sir J. Graham  
of 5 Jan'y 1843. adverts to the urgent  
local influences which act upon the  
Govt. of this Colony. If this observation  
be worth any thing it may be asked  
why the Govt. is exposed to such. The  
Secretary of State should take care in  
making the appt. to select an individual  
whose known probity and high feelings  
would place him beyond the reach of  
those influences. but had Lord Stanley  
or any of his predecessors ever acted  
upon that principle.  
Sir Stephen in his letter to Mr. Frevlyan

Secretary of State  
Sir J. Graham  
Lord Stanley  
Local influences

omit  
discipline



of 28 Feb'y 1843. Says "the Principle of  
the whole <sup>Scheme</sup> ~~System~~ / treatment of Convicts"  
is that of a very formidable punishment.  
The pivot of the whole plan is that part of  
the ~~System~~ which is ~~included~~ described  
as the probation gangs." Any one who in  
passing through the Council has had leisure  
to watch for a short time the proceedings of  
one of those probation gangs mentioned by  
Mr. Stephen, will must be of opinion that  
it only requires a moderate allowance of  
gin and tobacco to make that life which  
was intended to be a formidable punishment  
one of the most pleasant and enviable in  
the Colony. The labour is in fact nothing <sup>indeed</sup> and  
cannot be severe so long as any consideration  
is given to the expense. The punishment <sup>such as it is</sup>  
consists exclusively in privation - and even  
that is frequently ameliorated by the more fortunate  
members of the same class. This is only one of  
the defects of that disgusting kind of treatment  
foolishly called Penal discipline and which  
the present Controller General has prescribed,  
in the mismanagement of Convicts

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- and those who have been misled to adopt  
~~then~~ an epithet from their vocabulary  
find it convenient, for purposes of their  
own, to dignify with the name of System.  
Dec 12. Rec'd a letter from Kirkcolls - and wrote him  
an answer. Police Magistracy at P. Smith.  
Began Shearing. Two shears that he had  
and Ford were at work. The work was  
very dirty. I rode the horse in and out.  
13 - Drove in and out.  
14 - Finished Shearing I settled with the  
men - with Bichens almost every day  
and sometimes twice. Got my Banking  
Book from Dunn and was happy to  
find that instead of my being deep in  
debt. that there was £40 odd pounds to  
my Credit - Rode Blop on.  
15 - Drove in John Burnett called &  
paid me £3. 15. the price of a case  
of Madeira - which I have received.  
with Bichens twice.  
16 Elizabeth Lillian Edward Henry & Mary  
about noon went over in that boat to



Postlains walls. It was a beautiful  
fresh & sunny day and we passed an  
delightful afternoon. The Boat  
having been out of operation so long had  
a good deal. We caught very few fish,  
(I did not catch one) but continued to  
swallow the provisions that had been  
put up in a basket for us. Fletcher  
dined with us but felt it quite disagreeing  
to keep his eyes open after dinner. Last  
year on this date Sir John Franklin &  
his suite dined with us.

Fine sunny day the sea breeze set in  
in about noon and blew strong.

At Newtown Church in the afternoon.

Arrived a man sent to me by Fletcher to  
cut 8 acres of oaks at 2/6 the acre

at an auction bought a ship ball for 4/6 19  
Dined with Master. Met Mr. Melville a  
young artist who is come out with Capt  
Blackwood of the Fly, and Mr. Symonds.

Lost the White Man. It was past midnight  
when I reached home. At Tolosa before  
breakfast. Ordered some Flour -

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Decr 21 Drove into Town. A meeting of the Council  
for Horticultural affairs. I did not attend.

22. On reaching the Office, heard of the death  
of Mr. Lewis the Clerk of the Court and  
last evening Mr. J. Thorneloe acquainted  
me with the death of Mr. David Lamb.  
Called at Francis to see what progress  
Mr. Melville had made with his Sketch  
and then brought Mary home from  
Mrs. Bell's where she had been spending  
a day or two. Mr. Home, Sum' for Edwards  
for liquor had a low public house <sup>from 10</sup> & Ewing.

23. I drove Mary into Town round by  
Ewing's. Saw the artist at work upon  
a small picture of Mrs. Ewing and her  
three children. Spent half an hour  
with Perkins. Shewed him some  
of Grier's letters about Edwards' Knavery  
and got him to promise me an order  
to receive Edwards' Salary from the  
1<sup>st</sup> Provisions. to enable me to pay his  
debt to the Tailor, at least.

24 A fresh gale and cloudy. Mary & three







Afternoon at hutchinson Church Sunday 31.  
Spoke to Evening.

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At noon went up the valley upon the main I have  
made two or three sketches. Lukin and  
Kinney came up in the course of the afternoon  
and with Mr. White caught a few fish.

Council at 2. but not sufficient men. 2  
has attended adj. resumed at 3 1/4

Council from 2 till 5 walked down with 3  
Bichens with whom I was chatting when the  
time arrived.

Rayward called and sat an hour with 4  
me. At the Council from 2 till 4 1/2

Council 2 till 5 1/2. Left my gig with 5  
Travis yesterday to be put in thorough repair  
Rode the main in and out of town. Dined

with Pitman. Met Swainston, Inoué.

Dr. Pugh. Young Butler & Mr. Woodthorp.

Finis had my letter to Bell to go by the Duke  
of Roxburgh. Bell

walked down to the Customhouse with the 6  
M<sup>r</sup>. General. to speak to Proctor regarding  
Military Map. Wines duty free. With in

preparing an <sup>Bell</sup> out for this purpose I sent  
my letter for Bell into the Post Office and paid  
the postage myself - Rode the main in and  
out of town.

At home all day the weather very hot. Read  
papers and letters of the day.

Rain 8. Raining steadily from 7 am. till 4 P. M.  
at the Council from 2 till 4 1/2 but I did not  
leave the office till 5 1/2 and indeed I seldom

Finis 9. do. Symptoms of Bilious fever the whole day  
Sunny I walked in and out. On my return I could  
eat no dinner but soon after went to bed with  
Cold Chills, pains in the limbs, and shivering  
all over as if in an ague. I took a pill of  
Calomel and opium but it had not the least  
effect upon me.

10. At home all day unwell but better. The im-  
provement caused by fasting probably as  
the medicine seemed to produce no effect.

Rain 11. Raining Morning - The men ceased cutting  
the wheat till the rain should cease.  
A box was sent out from the office between  
2 and 3 o'clock. Among the letters were



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Sir J. Franklin

was one from Sir J. Franklin dated  
2<sup>d</sup> Instant. He expected the "Kajah"  
would sail in a few days. I signed all  
the papers Abstracts and Vouchers that  
required it and sent the Orderly off with  
them a quarter before 4. -

At 2 Council. Heard Counsel for the 12 Juries  
Revers against the Bill for regulating  
the brewing of Beer for Sale. Macdonnell  
was rather more effective than usual, and  
equally sarcastic. At one time he said  
"we hear a great deal about the distress of the  
Settlers and this is said out of this Chamber,  
to be the main cause for the introduction of  
this Bill. ~~Then~~ I maintain that even if that  
~~unhappy~~ alleged distress be true, it  
affords no ground for this piece of Legislation.  
But Sir, I deny the existence of such distress  
Distress indeed!! Do not the Settlers drink  
Spirits? Do they not drink Wine? Do not  
their women give parties? and do not their  
Daughters make villainous noises upon  
the Piano Forte? Walked up from the Council

Rain

with Pickens. Rode the mare in and out.  
13. Saw Bagot. He goes in the Duvent and she  
sailed on the 1 or 2. February. Saw Rayward  
He has a picture to show me and waits for  
an opportunity of talking to me about the  
Art Union. Of which however I know perhaps  
quite as much as himself. Rode home with  
Fletcher. He sat half an hour with me. I then  
rode Old Clay to Kisdon Ferry and back  
before dinner. After dinner fishing off the  
Pavilion point till past 10. We got home  
about 11. Caught about 2 dozen offish.  
14. Rain heavy and steady for 3 or 4 hours  
read prayer and lessons of the day.  
Sir Robt. Walpole on leaving office said "very  
few men ought to be prime ministers, for it  
is not fit that many should know how  
hard men are." Sir Robt. himself was neither  
a bad nor a conspicuously good man. patient  
and forbearing he showed more clemency to  
fallen foes than any Statesman of that age.  
Endowed with the finest judgment,  
with decision and integrity his policy



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was consistent and moderate; and he had *Jan 5*  
the true good of his Country at heart. Yet *Sick* *Robt*  
must rather be called a very able than a great  
Man. His moral character was not sufficiently  
elevated to entitle him to that name. He wanted  
the qualities which have gained it for many a  
more Citizen. What he had said of himself was  
universally believed, that he was "no Saint -  
no Spartan". At the Council 2 till 5. 15

do. do.

to  
18

At the Council for an hour and then it was 19  
prorogued sine die. I came from Town nearly 20  
with Fletcher. Called at the Gov. Garden and  
strolled about the walks for an hour. On reaching  
the Farm there were Henry, Mary, Elizabeth,  
and Geo. Fletcher with their clothes tucked up  
150 Yds from the Shore. picking up Cockles  
after dinner fishing with Lukin Henry & G. P. R.  
Rode Old Clay out for half an hour. He went a  
little lame. Read prayers and Lessons of the 21.  
day. Davis asked his mistress leave to go 22  
out for an hour or two. He went, took his  
clothes with him, and returned no more. Before

see clay  
one shoe.

Rain.

breakfast I rode up to Tolosa and ordered  
two Sacks of Pollard and a load of wood  
from Hull's Mill. which were sent in the  
course of the day to New Town. I sent old  
Clay into Town to see Rod and rode the mare  
23. Rode Old Clay in and out. The Evans  
came out and dined with us. Drizzling  
rain all the afternoon. I called upon  
Lennings about Evans' business.

24. Dull cloudy day walked into and out of  
Town. Finished reaping except 5 or 6 loads  
of Red Wheat which Davis had left mowed  
yesterday. when Mary wanted his services  
in the kitchen. Reported verbally to  
Mr. Spode that Davis had absconded. In  
the course of the afternoon I heard that he  
had been taken at Richmond and was brought  
into Town handcuffed. With Mr. Perkins  
every day with few exceptions.

25. On reaching the Office I found a note from  
Price enquiring if I had any charge to make  
against Davis besides that of absconding.  
I went into the police Office and told him



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that I had none. He said he had 800 Bush of Wheat left from his last year's crop which he can get no price for. Pichens looked in. Thomas and Rogers cut the last red 26. Saut Wheat before breakfast. Walked into town. The Aids de Camp called upon me. I saw him for the first time. Among other things he asked me to allow him to exercise his horse in my paddocks which of course as his father is my landlord I could not refuse. Now Sir Eadley would stay if I asked of him as a favor to take off £10 of my rent and yet such a request would be left improper that of his son. Young Wilnot wanted to know whether he might not draw the Travelling Allowance of £100 a year voted by the Council in the same manner as his allowance in hair of voyage. Yesterday I sent my Wood to Butler it weighed Gross 5 Cwt 10 lbs. I rode into town with Fletcher. He told me that he had purchased 2 ploughs of Tomlinson for £5 for me. One was 9 cart iron Shaved English made. The other is a heavy

wood  
ploughs

plough for Bullocks. With Pichens from 12 1/2 We rode out together and I carried him round by Dobson's place. He went through my farm home. He rode a new horse. very ugly but he thinks promises to be a good one, or as he expresses it "he has the gift".  
28. At home all day. Before breakfast came at the Farm. Mary, Henry, Elizabeth, Charles and their Mamma at Church. The two youngest came home in Petcain's Carriage. Not cloudy day threatening a change. Some rain will now do a world of good.  
29. And Mary and the Children at the Govt Garden at 11 1/2. Sir Eadley came in and shook hands with us. Dr. Officer was there with Mrs. Officer to whom he presented me. After that I was obliged to make Mrs. Poyes known to them.  
30. After Office rode up the factory valley with Pichens and dined with him at Kenner's. Met Majors Clarke and Anisworthy, Maclean, Raymond, Smith the postmaster & Hancock. Rode the Black & got home by 11 1/2.



Larkin preparing for his trip. Mr. Larkin 31. <sup>th</sup> 1874  
called in the afternoon to know what  
Larkin <sup>past done</sup> about seats in the Coach. They met  
afterwards. and settled the preliminaries  
of their excursion. I found a fit of lumbago  
approaching. It was a great deal worse today  
his day and although I rode the mare into,  
and out of town I could with difficulty  
sit or walk.

I got up at 4 partly on acct. of the lumbago 2  
and chiefly to see Larkin off. He went by  
the 5 o'clock Coach. William drove Kenny  
up as far as Bridgewater with two Orders  
for Probation Men. but there were no  
eligible men to be had. They returned about  
10 1/2. I was too ill to get into town and  
the greater part of the day lounged upon  
the bed or sofa. Last evening I took 3 gr.  
of Salomel and one of Opium. Mr. Offer  
sent out the papers and warrants for  
signatures which returned by Wm. the  
next morning. At home all day, worn 3  
No. rather than better. Commenced with

Letters  
from  
Winifred  
and  
Kell.

Bedford's prescription - Blue pill and  
Camphor draught.

4. Better - but unable to walk without  
a stick and felt great pain and difficulty  
in sitting on a chair. Eccl. Prayers and  
Lisons of the day.

5. Mending but slowly. Laid in a Port.  
folio full of Warrants and other papers  
by William. Walked over to the farm  
and down to the Boat with Charles.  
In the afternoon William brought out a letter  
from Winifred of 12 Sept. and one from  
Kell of the 9. At home all day.

6. At home all day. Fraser called and  
rem. half an hour. After him Seymour  
called but did not come in. Evans &  
his little girl dined with us. Heard  
that Mr. Pickens was about to take a  
trip up the country. He spoke to me about  
it more than a week ago but had not  
then made up his mind as to the period  
of starting.

7. A little Rain in the morning. Not suff.  
to moisten the whole surface of the ground.



1874

Signed & read before breakfast all the warrants and papers sent out last evening by William from the Office. After breakfast sent him in with the Post folio and soon after followed in a cab. Saw Richens, Fraser, Dr. Bedford about his claim for Sash duties. The value of my time consumed by him in telling me the story and promising that something fifty times, would go far to cancel his claim. He has some doubts creeping into his mind about the infallibility of the Bishop and declares in voice not loud but deep his determined opposition to the innovations of Presbytery. I took Henry and Charles into Town with me. They had their hair cut. Rode the 9<sup>th</sup> horse into Town and out. Fletcher came part of the way home with me. Ray overtook me upon his new horse bought of Carey. I asked him to take a family dinner with us and to remain the day. he said Tuesday - a cold bleak & showery day.

A beautiful still sunny morning. At 10 home - I took a little walk with Charles

This day 10<sup>th</sup> two prisoners came from the Bridgewater Station John Duntan "Susan" & her but soon tired. Mr. Richens called but would not get off his horse.

11 at home all day. Mary the two boys and two girls at Church. Read prayers & Lessons.

12. Rode the mare in and out. Asked Rayward to come out the next day and dine with me. he promised and kept his word. I did not see Richens.

13. Rode the mare. Rayward, Kennedy, Fletcher and Scott dined with us. We had a tolerably pleasant evening and it would have been much more so if Rayward had given either of the rest of the party a chance of putting in a word.

14. The mare in and out. Saw Richens.

15. The weather uncomfortably hot all the week. Gave John 20/- and permission

16. to go into Town to buy some things. he did not return till past 12. Gave Gilbert £10 and paid Mrs. M's bill £6.10.

17. at home all day the heat scarcely allowed us to breathe. Butler sent me £17. 3. 6 for my wool. Being at the rate of 8<sup>th</sup> per lb.

W. Coghlan  
J. Duntan  
Lawrence & Co.  
in a high state of  
excitement.



1844

A connect ship arrived from England 4 April.  
 I believe the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December a threat was.  
 Wrote to Mr. Moore at Lancaster and  
 enclosed for Lukin's use an order upon  
 the Lancaster Commercial Bank for  
 £5. which I. Deane had obliged me with.  
 Received Lukin's Salary to 31<sup>st</sup> ult. and  
 sent it over to Deane.

At home all day. Dull and rather cold. 5  
 Heard Henry read some prayers the hymns  
 Collects Epistles and Gospel for the day.  
 Mary, Charles, and the two Bells went to  
 Church to with Mrs. Boyer.

At home all day - Cold cheerless weather. 6  
 At home in the morning afternoon at 7  
 Newtown Church. walked round by  
 Fletcher's home. At the Office saw 8  
 Richens. Took Henry in with me 9  
 wrote the man. Vtd by 4 1/2 Took Henry. 10  
 to the Race Course. Keim & Scott dined  
 here. I asked Dayman but he was engaged.  
 At home. Took Henry and Charles out in 11  
 the boat with me - we caught 3 doz. of

gray  
 pines

April Flatheads no other fish - not even a dogfish  
 12 Brought Henry into Town with me. Vtd by  
 I and then took him and his two sisters  
 to the Races. William & Mary Ann having  
 made their appearance I sent the children  
 with them to see proper Reas display  
 with which they were much delighted.

13 Called at Gunn's Office on my way to  
 the Office. and begged him to select a  
 Fanning Man and a house Servant for  
 me which he promised to do. Rode the  
 man in and out. Saw Rubens. Swans<sup>rd</sup>  
 had called upon him. Said he wanted a  
 good situation for a young man and upon  
 B's saying the place was worth nothing  
 but he might rely upon his best efforts to  
 secure his friend, if the H. Gov. would con-  
 sent. Swans. then with tears in his eyes  
 owned that the situation he asked for  
 was for his own son. St. Geo. Vtd. dined  
 at 2 to consider the budget's Report. 16 men  
 condemned. Mr. E. was much pleased at  
 O'Connor's. thought very highly of the Capt.  
 Superior to Commodore Kemp. 17 -

Sworn into Office as one of  
 the Commissioners of the Land Office  
 before Mr. Justice Mowbray



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The hottest day we have had this Season 18<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup>  
 In the cool behind the front door the mercury  
 was at 86°. Swanton told me that at his  
 place out in the air but in the shade it  
 was 100° and in the Sunshine 120°.  
 About 3 1/2 however the Sea Breeze came up  
 in a gale off the Water and instantaneous  
 the weather quite cold. Rode this 19<sup>th</sup>  
 March. Evening a good shower and  
 the next day the water was standing in 20  
 pools in the Roads and Streets.  
 Sent my Acct. to Dunn for \$300 and 21<sup>st</sup>  
 also Fitches for \$70 for discount.  
 Rode the mare in and out. Mr. Samd 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 called and we spoke about painting and  
 Painters. Mr. Prout called soon after.  
 On my way home called upon Prout 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 and looked at the Skelch he had made  
 of some Deer Deer. Walked in  
 walked in. walked out with Dayman 24<sup>th</sup>  
 called upon Kay he is almost recovered from  
 the effects of his fall from his horse. They  
 came down together. Settled with the

called upon  
 Kay & Little  
 and Dayman  
 Lewis

Council for  
 an hour then  
 adjourned

Feb<sup>y</sup>. Colonial Bank for 2045 Fitches  
 Acct. for my use. Dr. continued used  
 me to Capt. Cogblan of the "Anderson". I  
 told me that on the 1<sup>st</sup> March the Bank  
 would pay us 10¢ in the Pound for all  
 that we had paid up. Found on my  
 return home that Peot and Pease had  
 called and were gone out sketching. I  
 joined them in an hour after. They  
 dined here and remained till past  
 11. Their success in the sketching  
 way was not great.  
 25<sup>th</sup> At home in the morning. Afternoon  
 at Church. Read in Journal. St. Mark & Florin.  
 26<sup>th</sup>. Rode in and out. Saw Mr. Dickens.  
 27<sup>th</sup>. Walked in and out. Called at the  
 Coach maker's found that the Gig was  
 finished and promised to send for it.  
 28<sup>th</sup>. Walked in. and came home in the Gig.  
 Saw Dickens passed an hour with him.  
 A ship from England 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. No news.  
 29<sup>th</sup>. Rode in and out.  
 March. 1<sup>st</sup> do do Recd. 10¢ in the £ upon



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my 40 Bank Notes & cash paid  
up the Rent and my Salary to the  
Commercial Bank. £170. With Dickens  
twice. Ellen Murray came to live with us.

Purchased a double barrelled Gun Shot. 2 Mar  
bills and powder flask for £2. 11. at Taylor's.  
Auction. Walked in and out. The Bishop  
arrived this morning or yesterday and  
the Mailland with Capt. Maconochie is  
now off. <sup>the port</sup> With Dickens for an hour or two.  
Threatening Rain but it comes not. In the 3.  
night heavy gusts of wind the same till  
noon. Very slight showers. Not half  
sufficient to lay the dust. At home all  
day. Scott called between 2 and 3 and  
told me that Mr. Townsend of the 51<sup>st</sup> who  
was thrown from his horse some 10 or 14  
days and who in consequence of a frightful  
wound upon the knee was threatened with  
Lockjaw, was better. It turned out after-  
wards that the young surgeon was at that  
time a corpse - having died at 11 o'clock that  
morning.

March 4 Walked in and out of Town. Saw  
Maconochie at least his back. He appears  
to me 15 years older than when here in  
1837 or 8. But Dickens thinks there is  
little alteration in his appearance and  
he had not seen him before for 8 or 10 yrs.  
5 Walked in and out.

6. Drove in. Henry with me. Town was  
hurried. With Dickens for a short  
time. The little horse "funch" had  
lost his near hind foot, apparently  
with the chain of the head stall.  
Henry took his first lesson with me  
in arithmetic.

7 Walked out for an hour before  
breakfast. Went to the top of the Bell  
when the sheep fold had been esta-  
blished. Henry with me at the Office.  
8 Henry with me at the Office.  
9 Not at the Office. At home all the morning  
Afternoon. Drove up on the hills at the  
back of Roway until I looked down upon  
Tolosa the Vale of the Decuman. The River  
winding throughout the gloaming landscape  
glowing, flooded with sunshine. The whole



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March

Shut in by liffy hills on either hand and  
the distance terminated by mountains  
in the neighbourhood of Ostlands.

At home all the morning - afternoon Henry 10.  
accompanied me to Church.

Flitties sent home the Bullocks he borrowed? 11  
of me 5 weeks ago, for a few days only the Rain  
Overseen said. Rode the mare into town  
Rain all the way.

Rode the mare. Got wet through. Recd. a 12

Letter from Garrison. Skills affairs

Rode the mare in and out. 13

Cogblan who came to me as a ploughman 14  
on 10. Ultimus absconded, leaving the horses  
that he had been ploughing with, in their  
stamps. He was taken at O'Brien's bridge  
the same evening. Took Henry into town  
with me. I sold 9 Pigs to Shoebridge for  
£5 and bought 2 Tons 2 Cwt. of small  
Potatoes from him.

At the Henry - Saw Ch. Constable. He said 15  
Cogblan should be remanded till tomorrow  
that I might bring in the sheep and the

whom he had robbed

16 In and out upon the mare. Called at the  
Police Office and saw Rice but he knew  
nothing about Cogblan. In fact he was at the  
penitentiary where he had been lodged when  
taken. Ford called and said if the Turnips  
in the 2 acre fields were not up then they  
certainly would be the next day and so  
they were.

17 At home all day.

18 - Henry with me in the Chaise. At the  
Police Office; Cogblan sentenced to 4 mo.  
hard labour. 19. " Bro. Henry in. Afternoon  
took him into the Court House. Where he saw  
Sir John Padden & Grogan whose action for  
libel against Dobson was then proceeding

20. Henry with me. Threatening rain. but  
it did not come. 21 & 22 Walked in

Buckwater and out. 23. " As I was going into town  
upon Old Clay I met Scouslow & Kay on  
their way to Risdon. Thinking from what  
he said that I should be subpoenaed for  
Grogan's trial. I returned and then took



Seeing up to Bridgewater with me in  
 the Chari - Inrad as light sketches looked  
 at the Depot and then returned - I sent off  
 John Danton that morning to the Station  
 but he had not arrived before I left nor did  
 we meet him on the road. 24<sup>th</sup> Fine sunny  
 day. Henry and I at Church in the afternoon.  
 Sent Rent of Farm to Sircaudley and 25<sup>th</sup>  
 a notice that I should quit at the same  
 time. 26<sup>th</sup> Rodette Man in and out. *Fine*  
 I see Dickins almost every day and pass  
 at least half an hour with him. 27<sup>th</sup> Walked  
 in and out of town. Began the Mice's  
 daughter. 28<sup>th</sup> Walked into town. Blowing  
 heavily with showers. At Macomber's Sale  
 I bought a french Map of the world 29<sup>th</sup> Rain  
 Down in and out. escaped the rain  
 Sent Shipman to Belton's at Glenaichy 30<sup>th</sup>  
 for 4 Leicester Traps. Rod in and out. *Rain*  
 On my return with Fletcher we got wet  
 through. 31<sup>st</sup> At home all day Raining  
 and blowing. Drawing a little.  
 Squalls of Wind & Rain at home 1 April

*Fine*  
*Rent of Farm*

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April drawing and giving Henry Lessons in  
 Arithmetic. Writing & Drawing part of the  
 time. Mountain covered with Snow.

Rain 2<sup>nd</sup> Down in and out - Expected a young party  
 and Wind to celebrate Mary's birth day but they came not  
*A. Harris on called*  
*sent away about*  
*with affairs*  
 A favorable change had taken place in the  
 weather but still there were showers.

Fine 3<sup>rd</sup> Rodette Man in and out. Saw Dayman  
 on my return and had some conversation  
 with him about Geggson's case Mr. Bell  
 and his children came out to pass the  
 day. She left us about 6 but her two eldest  
 daughters remained. Elizabeth went into  
 town to pass a few days. I saw W. Kay a  
 Cheque for the remaining £25 portion  
 of his horse and gig.

Called to Mary Gil's at  
 the Mill. They were out.  
 But then appeared in  
 Margaret's street. -  
 Saw back. After 17. Frost

Walked up to Fraser's and looked at  
 the Drawings. Prout had lent him.  
 They are extremely beautiful. Three by  
 J. Jackson one or two by W. West & Thelby  
 one by Pater another by Tuckey & a Mola  
 I think - One by Hilder. Two or three by  
 Prout himself. Jackson's Lynn Tysdale  
 and the River Liffey & Thelby the best.



Amstey. Tho. born - Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 1842  
Alfred my youngest child born - 9 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1843  
The Street boy died 30<sup>th</sup> March 1846.  
Cheyne, Alex. Fortt & Montagu. 29<sup>th</sup> July 1843.  
Redford. E. & P. 7<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1843. Requested his acceptance  
of a bill for the interest due 27 Aug<sup>t</sup> 43.  
Receipts of Henry & Mary Elizabeth - 10 Apr 42  
Execution of probate of the will of  
John - Mary Ann - 42 Dec 43  
In Caudley's first letter - 30 Aug<sup>t</sup> 43  
Survey of the river - 21 June 43  
Witnesses, interview with  
William H. - 7 May 43  
Surveyor General - 1 March 43

Probation System Com. Dec<sup>r</sup> 10 Dec<sup>r</sup> 1843  
In what the Primate's consent